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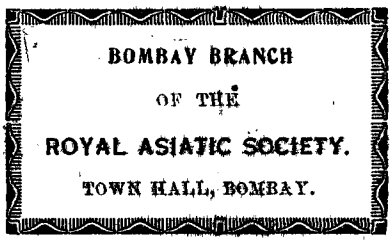
Kharedi Virpur State
1915-16 to 1920-21



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for the year 1915-16.

A short history of the origin of the State of Virpur.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS family of Jadeja Rajputs which has given rulers to Cutch, Navanagar, Maliya, Morvi, Rajkot, (Gondal & Kotda Sangani) also established its authority by force of arms over Virpur, Gondal, Kotda-Sangani and Virpur became the possessions of scions of the Navanagar family whose numerous members had to be provided for by one means or another. The foundation of the House whose direct representative is the present Thakore Saheb of Virpur goes back to the latter half of the sixteenth century. In 1562 A. D. Jam Vibhoji I succeeded to the Gadi of Navanagar and when he died seven years later, he left four sons. The eldest, Satarsal or Sataji acceded to the throne and the other three received certain territories in appanage. The second son Bhanji received from the Jamnagar State, Kalavad and other eleven villages in appanage in Samvat 1635 (A. D. 1579). But on account of certain disputes with the Navanagar State, he refused the Giras and took shelter under the Mahomedan Thandar of Kharedi which was very much troubled by the Kathis. Bhanji assisted the Thandar in expelling the Kathis for which he was granted one-half of the Kharedi lands. After his death, his son Bharoji gallantly obtained full possession of Khardi by expelling the Mahomedan Thandar and established a Taluka of 36 villages. After Bharoji's death, Hardholji, Sahebji and Mokoji successively came to the Gadi. The last being a very brave warrior, rendered

help to the Jamnagar State conquered some villages and consolidated the Taluka of 84 villages.

Mokoji was respectively succeeded by Muluji, Jethiji, and Mokoji II *alias* Bavoji. The latter changed his capital from Kharedi to Virpur. He repaired the old fort of this new Capital. Bavoji was succeeded by his eldest Kumar Suroji in whose time the horrible famine of Samvat 1869 (A. D. 1813) devastated most of the Taluka villges. Several Bhayats holding villages in appanage having received no shelter nor relief from the State of Virpur acknowledged Suzerainty of the State of Jamnagar and Gondal at the time of Colonel Walker's Settlements or thereabouts owing mainly to the minority of the Chief. Thus only 13 villages were left to the Virpur Chiefdom just at the advent of the British powers in the province of Kathiawar.

Suroji was respectively succeeded by Muluji II, Sartanji and Suroji II (the present Thakore Saheb).

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL AND POLITICAL.

It is a matter of great regret that the continental war is still raging. The Native States and the Indian subjects have shown their loyalty by rendering every sort of assistance to the British Government and hope that success may attend the British Arms.

The States in Kathiawar have presented to the British Government a fleet of fully equipped Motor Ambulance Cars, to which this Taluka has contributed Rs. 676-15-1.

This Taluka is also paying a monthly contribution of Rs. 30 from 15th December 1915, to the Tailoring Fund, Rajkot Branch opened by Her Excellency Lady Willingdon.

It was a piece of good luck for Kathiawar that their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon condescended to visit this province in February last, when the Thakore Saheb had the honor of a priout audience with their Excellencies.

The Thakore Saheb proceeded in October last in a journey to pay a visit to the Rana Saheb of Burwani in Central Provinces. On his return he went to visit his Kunvari at Sarvan in Malwa. The journey took nearly 37 days.

Colonel Harold, the Political Agent Halar Prant officially visited Virpur on 10th October 1915. He inspected the principal buildings &c. and also visited the Suraji Hostel. He was pleased to carefully inquire into and see for himself the working of the Hostel and was well satisfied with it.

The Sayla Thakore Saheb who had been to Rajkot on the occasion of H. E. the Governor's visit, visited Virpur. He had with him, K. S. Madarsinhji the apparent of Sayla. They stayed here as State guests for two days.

Virpur is a 4th class State situated in the Halar Prant of the Kathiawar Political Agency. It is bounded by the States of Navanagar, Junagadh, Gondal and the Taluka of Mengni, Dhrafa, Mulila, Jetpur &c.

The area of the State is 66·6 square miles. The population according to the last Census is 6780 souls. It is composed mostly of Kunbis, Rajputs, Brahmins, Banias, Luhanas, Khants, Sindhis, Khojas, Kolies, Dheds &c. &c.

The gross revenue of the State based on the average of the past five years Rs. 46511-1-6.

This Talukas pays annually Rs. 3418-0-0 as Peshkashi to the British Government and Rs. 696-0-0 as Zortalbi to Junagadh, thus making a total of Rs. 4114-0-0.

The present Thakore Saheb Shri Suraji is 70 years of age. He belongs to the Jadeja Clan of Rajputs and has three Kumars. The heir apparent K. S. Hamirsinhji who is 40 years old, holds the charge of the Revenue Department and takes keen interest in State matters and keeps control over the Khangi Kharach also. K. S. Ramsinhji is now acting as Kamdar in this State as shown in Appendix I. Both the Kumars have been educated in the Rajkumar College at Rajkot K. S. Joravarsinhji the youngest is 16 years old and is receiving English education in the Suraji Hostel, Virpur.

K. S. Hamirsinhji, the heir apparent has six Kumars. The eldest Dilipsinhji is 16 years old; while the younger Kumars Mahipatsinhji, Balbhadrasinhji, Vanrajsinhji, Randhirsinhji and Kishorsinhji are respectively 14 years, 12 years, 10 years, 8 years, and 4 years old. All the Kumars except K. S. Kishorsinhji are receiving English education in the Suraji Hostel Virpur.

The residence of the Chief is at Virpur which is a Railway Station on the G. P. S. Ry. As Kharedi was the former Capital, the Taluka is called Kharedi Virpur.

The Thakore Saheb visited most of the villages and the Kamdar visited all the villages of the Taluka during the year under report to inquire about the condition of the people, to redress their grievances, and to give them all possible assistance in their cultivation etc.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND.

The Taluka consists of 13 villages, of which 4⅙ are Khalsa and 8 5/6 are Bhayati. These are divided into 2 Mahals viz. Virpur Mahal and Kharedi Mahal. In the four Khalsa villages viz. Virpur, Kagwad, Thorala and Kharedi, the Vighoti System *i. e.* payment in cash is prevalent, while in the ⅙ share in Hadmadia and in 7 5/6 Bhayati villages except Makhakarod, the Bhagbatai system is in force. In a fairly good year, cultivators find no difficulty in paying cash assessment, but in a bad year remissions and suspensions have to be resorted to. In the Bhagbatai system, the cultivators have to pay only a fixed share of whatever produce they have received in addition to Vera.

For the purposes of revenue, the year is calculated from the 1st of Kartak Sud to 30th of Asho Vadi. This roughly corresponds with the commencement of November to the close of October. The figures for the year under report, therefore are those for the period commencing with 1st Kartak Sud of Samvat 1971 and ending with Asho of the same year.

Most of the waste land is made culturable & given to cultivators for cultivation in the year under report.

No alienation of the State land has been effected.

There is no particular dispute regarding any boundary but the fixing and erecting of boundary pillars in their proper places are often to be met with. The system of Takavi advances has for the most part been introduced since the famine year of St. 1956. It is not likely to be discontinued as the cultivators are still under effects of the famine of Samvat 1968 and the scarcity of the year under report.

CHAPTER III.

Legislation—The Courts of this Taluka are generally guided by the spirits of the laws in force in Kathiawad Agency.

Military force—This State does not maintain any military force.

Police—The Police force consists of one Chief Constable, two Jamadars, 14 Foot Police and 6 mounted Police,—total 23 men. They are armed with carbine rifles and swords. The total cost of the Police Department during the year under report has been Rs. 2676 i. e. the same as that in the last year. The ratio of the Police to the population is ·0033 and to the area ·34 per square mile.

The work of the Police has been good as regards preservation of order and detection of crimes. The offences are mostly petty. There has been no dacoity, but two robberies of small value at day time have been committed. The percentage of stolen property recovered is less than it was in the past year. The full statistics about the cost, number and working of the Police are given in the Appendix IV to VII.

Village Police—There are 30 village Police of which 28 are paid in cash while 2 have got land on service tenure. They protect the villages and the crops and assist the police in keeping order.

Criminal Justice—There are three Criminal Courts, viz (1) the Court of Kharedi Thandar exercising powers of a 3rd class Magistrate (situated) at Kharedi (2) the Original Side Court situated at Virpur and presided over by the Kamdar exercising the full Criminal Jurisdiction of the State and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the above mentioned two lower courts, presided over by the Thakore Saheb. It will appear from Appendix VIII that in the year under report 69 offences involving 80 persons were dealt with by the courts as against 41 offences involving 51 persons of the last year. Out of these 17 persons were discharged 39 acquitted 23 convicted, and one remains at the end of the year.

There were three criminal appeals in the year under report vide Appendix IX.

Civil Justice—There are three Civil Courts in the Taluka viz (1) the Court of the Kharedi Thandar at Kharedi empowered to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 250, (2) the Original Side Court at Virpur exercising the full Civil Jurisdiction of the Taluka and presided over by the Kamdar and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the lower Courts presided over by the Thakore Saheb.

The number of Courts, both Civil and Criminal has been the same as in the past year.

There was an opening balance of 6 suits in both the Courts, while

19 new suits of the total value of Rs. 3119-1-7 were instituted during the year under report as against ~~25~~ 32 suits in the last year. The courts disposed of 20 suits of the value of Rs. ~~3516-15-4~~ 3776-11-10 including the previous year's arrears vide Appendix X.

Appendix XI shows an opening balance of 51 applications for executions of decrees, of the value of Rs. 21698-7-~~4~~ 6-4 new applications of the total value of Rs. 4967-3-7 were filed during the year under report. Out of these 55 applications of the value of Rs. 19736-~~14-9~~ -10-5 have been disposed of, thus having a balance of 17. The closing balance of 17 applications for executions of decrees is much less than that of the last year. It will appear from Appendix XII that three appeals were filed during the year under report; and all the three appeals together with two of the last year were disposed of.

Extradition-2 persons are extradited to this Taluka while this State has extradited only one to another Taluka.

Prison—There are two Jails in the Taluka (1) at Virpur and (2) at Kharedi. The guard at these Jails is supplied by the Police. There was no prisoner remaining in Jail at the close of the last year. And 12 prisoners were admitted in the year under report, the number remaining in the Jail at the end of the year being none. The total cost on account of Jail and prisoners has been Rs. 43-0-7 as against Rs. 30-14-6 in the last year, vide Appendix XIII. The general conduct and health of the prisoners were good. They are employed on out-door work.

Registration-7 Documents of the value of Rs. 2112-10-8 were presented for registration in the year under report as against 10 of the value of Rs. 6177-1-1 in the last year. The fees realised were Rs. 10-8-0 as against 15-0-0 in the last year, vide Appendices XIV and XV.

Municipal Administration—There is no regular Municipality, but strict attention is paid to the cleanliness and general sanitation of the various villages.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

Weather crops and rainfall—The average rainfall is considered to be some what between 21 and 25 inches. During the year under report Virpur received 10·14 and Kharedi 9·1 of rain. There being small amount of rain fall the crops had to suffer much at some places in this Taluka. While at

other places they were on the verge of being dried up but the small showers during September and October last did them much good. At the time of reaping flights of birds came from some other parts of the country and did much damage.

In Kharedi Mahal the amount of rain was poor. At the time of sowing seeds it was not sufficient. After the sowing operations were over it did not rain at all till the people gave up all hopes and collected the dried stalks. Subsequently there were small drizzlings at intervals which were beneficial to some extent. Only a few villages of that Mahal received nominal harvest and on the whole the year proved worse than that of Samvat 1968. And as the Taluka received a poor amount of revenue it had to arrange for securing a loan of Rs. 30,000/ from Morvi.

There was no production of ground-nuts on account of want of rain in the year under report.

Wages, labour and food grains—Ratio of wages is still high it is as it was before last famine year. Appendix XVIII will show that the prices of all commodities have risen on accouut of famine.

Forest—There is no scope for rearing any forest within the limits of this Taluka but there are a number of babul and other trees and every encouragement is given for the rearing of such trees. There are several hills which are only useful in producing grass. The produce of grass is in an ordinary year, almost sufficient for the requirement of the Taluka. It is only in a very good year that there is any surplus for sale or for hay stocks. But during the year under report there was no production of grass on account of scanty rain.

Trade and Manufactures—The trade consists principally of food grains. The chief articles of export in a good year are cotton, wool, grains, oil and molasses, Coarse country cloth called Khadi is woven by Dheds by means of hand looms. The same is coloured into Cholia by dyers. Both these kinds of cloth are mainly used by cultivators and the labouring classes. Woolen blankets are also manufactured for local consumption. The ginning factory erected by Mr. Jivan Vasta of Rajkot did not work satisfactorily this year. An oil engine ginning factory of 6 looms has been established at Kharedi Mahal which has not also worked satisfactorily this year on account of bad year.

Public works—Rs. 2300 were spent in erecting the Suraji Hostel and Rs. 50 in repairing vide Appendix XIX.

Custom duties– The State levies no duty on the commodities exported; but it levies one pice per rupee as duty on all goods imported into the State limits with the exception of the most valuable commodities such as gold silver, musk, saffron, Ambar &c. *&c.* This import duty is farmed out every year by public auction and the highest bidder is given the Ijaras.

Post office—There are two Post Offices in this Taluka [1] at Virpur and [2] at Kharedi. They are worked by School Masters and are called the Branch Post Offices receiving Bangies, money-orders etc.

Mint—There is no mint in the Taluka.

General condition of State and People—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 2518-13-8. After meeting all necessary expenses the balance at the end of the year was Rs. 1609-4-6. Further details are given in Chapter V.

The public health has remained fair throughout the year. The general diseases prevalent in the towns and villages were ulcers skin diseases and the diseases of ears and eyes and also fevers and specially cough cold guinea-worms appeared in this year.

The condition of the people is good; however owing to famine year of 1968 and such other previous bad years the cultivators have lost all power of resisting a draught of scarcity but the timely assistance rendered by the Taluka from time to time in the shape of Takavi advances, and suspensions of the Vighoti has in a great measure tended to save them and in two or three good years they are likely to be restored to their original good condition. The agricultural stock has decreased on account of insufficient rain.

The labouring class is in a tolerably good condition.

There has been neither immigration nor emigration worth nothing.

There are two shops for the sale of country liquor and two for the sale of opium and Ganja each respectively.

The total excise revenue for the year has been Rs. 432 as against Rs. 406-0-0 in the last year vide Appendix XXI.

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

The gross revenue in the year under report i. e. Samvat year 1971 has been Rs. 59631-4-7 as against Rs. 59223-7-10 in the previous year.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS &c.

There is one dispensary at Virpur. It is in the charge of a Sub assistant surgeon. It will appear from Appendix XXIII that 9124 out-door patients were treated at the dispensary as against 8461 in the last year while the daily average attendance was 24·9 as against 23·2 in the last year. The cost of the department to the Taluka has been Rs. 928–12–2 as against Rs. 870-11-3 in the last year.

Vaccination—364 children were vaccinated during the year under report.

Births and Deaths—Appendix XXIV will show that there were 259 births and 101 deaths in the year under report as against those of 238 and 174 in the last year. The ratio of births and deaths per thousand of population has been 38·2 and 14·8 respectively.

The Registers of births and deaths are kept.

Plague—Fortunately plague has not made its appearance during the year under report.

Kamboi—[Horn diseases]. The animals such as bullocks, cows etc. suffering from worms in their horns are treated by K. S. Hamirsinhji.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION.

There are two Gujrati Schools in the Taluka viz. The Taluka School at Virpur teaching upto the 7th Standard and the Gujrati School at Kharedi teaching upto the 6th Standard. There is also a Girl's class at Virpur. The total number of boys in the two schools has been 197 as against 175 in the last year. The total cost of education is Rs. 789–6–2 for the year under report as against Rs. 890–14–11 in the previous year.

The Schools are under the supervision of the Education Department of the Agency, and the Taluka is doing its best to encourage education especially among females and the poor classes. For this purpose the Taluka has remitted the fees that were taken monthly from the boys in the two schools from the 1st January 1909. This is a real boon to the poor classes and a source of encouragement to the Ryots in the advancement of education.

CHAPTER VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is no printing press in the Taluka nor is there any Library.

There are very few poisonous snakes and wild animals which require special measure to be adopted for their destruction. The Thakore Saheb and the Kumars are very keen sportsmen and do not miss any opportunity of shooting any wild animal found within the limits of the Taluka.

The cultivators of this Taluka are generally in the habit of storing up the surplus of annual grass fodder in stock for future consumption every year.

Those who run short of it, sow grass fodder such as chhasatia, gadub maize in their Vadis or be partners with those who have sufficient quantity of water in their wells.

This Taluka itself had stored up seven lacks of hay in regular stocks, but there being scanty rain during the year under report it has been used up in sustaining the State cattle and aiding the people. It had formally declared an order that every cultivator or ordinary man who possessed cattle, should keep in store grass fodder to face any emergency, hence this difficulty was slightly felt by the Taluka or its people

As regards Famine Institution the people of this Taluka are not very rich. Most of them live from hand to mouth. Consequently there is no such institution.

The Taluka is not in a position to maintain any Paddock on a large scale but breeding operations on a small scale are carried on in the State stables under the direct supervision of the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Hamirsinhji. The Thakore Saheb is an authority on horse breeding and is one of the best riders in Kathiawar.

Before closing this report it is my humble but pleasant duty to mention that the Thkore Saheb and K. S. Hamirsinhji have always evinced great interest in the management of the Taluka and have constantly wished to put the administration of the Taluka on a sound footing.

In conclusion I once more beg to tender my grateful thanks to the Political Agent, Halar Prant and the Agent to the Govornor for their kindly giving sound and valuable advice from time to time and for the great assistance rendered in the administration of the Taluka.

Virpur,
28th June 1916.

RAMSINHJI,
Kamdar,
Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX I.

Names of high Officials in the Virpur State showing changes in the personnel during the year 1915–16.

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From	To.	
1	Kumar Shri Ramsinhji	Chief Kamdar	9–10–07	Up to the present date	
2	Dalichand Fulchand Sanghavi	Nayab Kamdar	17–11–12	,,	
3	Dhirajram Nathubhai Joshi	Hospital Assistant	3–6–12	,,	
4	Mulchand Jivan Rajdev	Kharedi Thandar	17–11–12	,,	

Virpur,

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

No.	Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Indian Penal Code.	I British Indian Acts.	...	Since the introduction of Regular Courts into this State these laws are in force.
2	Criminal Procedure Code.			
3	Civil Procedure Code.			
4	Evidence Act.			
5	Limitation Act.			
6	Contract Act.			
7	Stamp Act.	II From British Indian Acts.	...	These laws have been inforced since such occasions as have met with.
8	Registration Act.			
9	Court Fee Rules.			
10	Process Fee Rules.			

Virpur,

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Virpur State for the year 1915–16.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowance of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	*Casualties.*			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	*Number of men.*					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Virpur

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police force in the Virpur State for the year 1915–16.

No.	Description of Police.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost. (yearly).	Punishment.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
					Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally	Punished (Judicially).	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Chief Constable.	1	15–0–0	180–0–0	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
2	Jamadar.	2	10–0–0	240–0–0	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
3	Sepoys.	14	6 & 7	1008–0–0	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	
4	Mounted Police.	4	20–0–0	960–0–0	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	
5	Dromedaries.	2	12–0–0	288–0–0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
		23		2676–0–0						10	12	

Virpur,

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

No.	State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5)		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Kharedi Virpur State.	22	32	24	28	24	28	10	19	14	8	41·6	67·8	41·6	67·8	1 remaining under trial at the end of the year

Virpur,

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RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and the amount of recoveries in the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

Name of State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remraks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kharedi Virpur State.	532–8–3	579-6–2	224–2–0	77–6-0	42·1	13·3	

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RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

No.	Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during the past year.	Number of cases disposed of during the present year.	Number of persons apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.						Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined, being insane.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.								Capital punishment.	Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
		Balance from the past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one Month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.		
									Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	I. P. C. 17–323 1–429 7–380 1–332 10–379 7–352 2–392 2–114 1–403 1–309 2–325 1–338 9–504 1–456 4–426 1–447 1. C. T. A. S. 22 1–109 69	...	69	69	42	60	80	23	...	...	1	11	11	...	23	56	...	...	10	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	

Virpur,

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

No.	Name of Courts of the State.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	No. of criminal cases remaining for trial at the end of the year.	Remarks.
					Brought to trial in 1915–16.					*Total.*									
		Past year.	Present year.	Remaining at the end of last year.	Arrested by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died escaped or transferred.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Original Side Court.	24	39	...	18	4	15	3	...	32	40	15	11	13	...	...	1	1	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court...	17	30	...	10	4	26	...	...	19	40	2	28	10	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	41	69	...	28	8	41	3	...	51	80	17	39	23	...	...	1	1	

Virpur,

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

State.	Tribunal.	Number of applications.	Number of persons and cases.																Remakrs.
			Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed,										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Kharedi–Virpur State.	Hazur Court.	3	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the Civil work-Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during present year.						Remarks.
		1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	suits for money transaction	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average duration.	
																										y. m.d.	
1	Original Side Court.	5	5	7	10	12	15	7	11	5	4	2661-8-10	0	9	1	9	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	7	3059-6-7	0-5-4	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court.	3	0 ~~1~~	17	9	20 ~~19~~	9 ~~10~~	20 ~~19~~	9 ~~10~~	0 ~~1~~	...	457-8-9	0	9	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	259-12-6	0-26-7	
		8	5 ~~6~~	24	19	32 ~~31~~	24 ~~25~~	27 ~~26~~	20 ~~21~~	5 ~~6~~	4	3119-1-7	0	18	1	17	1	1	0	0	0	4	6	11	3776-11-10	0-3-0	

Virpur,

Dated 7th April 1916.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur State.

APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work–Result of applications for execution of decrees filed in the Courts of the Virpur State during the year 1915–16.

No.	Tribunals.	Opening Balance of applications.		Value of applications pending at the close of 1915–16.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1915–16.			Remarks
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Within 6 months.	Within 12 months.	year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Original Side Court.	18	28	19107-1-0	22	9	3656- ~~3658~~-5-11	40	37	22763-6-11	12	27	16836-~~10-10~~ -6-9	28	10	5927-0-2 ~~5926-12-2~~	1	2	7	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court.	20	23	2591-6-6½	50	12	1310-13-8	70	35	3902-4-2½	47	28	2900-3-11	23	7	1002-0-3½	3	...	4	
		38	51	~~21696-7-6½~~ ~~31593-7-7½~~	72	21	4967 ~~4969~~-3-7	110	72	26665-11-~~2½~~ 1½	59	55	19736-~~14-9~~ 10-8	51	17	6929-0-5-½ ~~6928-12-5½~~	4	2	11	

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RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work–Number and results of appeals in civil suits in the Virpur State, during the year 1915-16.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year.		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.				
	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	
																							y. m d.	y. m. d.	
Hazur Court.	...	2	3	3	3	5	1	5	2	...	362-13-0	582-13-9	...	2	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	0-3-8	0-9-11	

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Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX XIII

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jail and Lock-ups in the Virpur State during the year 1915-16.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily Average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in jail
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16				
Virpur ...	1	...	8	3	8	·09	·2	...	30-4-3	y. m. d. 0-0-24-3 ~~0-24-3~~	
Kharedi ...	1	...	4	2	4	·04	·1	...	12-12-4	0-0-17	
Total...	2	...	12	5	12	·13	·3	...	43-0-7	0-0-20 ~~0-20~~	

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RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur State.

APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of Registration of Documents in the Virpur State, during the year 1915-16.

Name of the Registering Office of the State.	Documents presented for Registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of Documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15.	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Kharedi-Virpur State.	10	7	5	1	3	5	...	...	...	1	2	...	10	7	Rs. As. P. 6177-1-1	Rs, As. P. 2112-10-8	...	...	...	...	

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RAMSINHJI,

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Virpur State, during the year 1915-16

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds.	Value of property Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized Rs.	As.	P.	Number of deeds.	Value of property Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized Rs.	As.	P.	
Mortgages ...	5	2075	...	...	7	~~0~~ 8	0	1	500	...	...	1	8	0	
Money bonds ...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	750	...	...	1	8	0	
Wills ...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale deeds ...	3	4102	1	1	4	8	0	5	862	10	8	7	8	0	
Miscellaneous ...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Expenditure ...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Net profit ...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	10	6177	1	1	~~14~~ 15	~~8~~	0	7	2112	10	8	10	8	0	

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Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur State.

APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Virpur State, during the year 1915–16.

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st April 1915.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March 1916	Remarks.
		1914–15	1915–16		1914–15	1915–16		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	There is no regular Municipality in this State.

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement showing the rainfall in the Virpur State, during the year 1915–16.

State.	April 1915		May 1915		June 1915		July 1915		August 1915		September 1915		October 1915		November 1915		December 1915		January 1916		February 1916		March 1916		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inch es.	Cents.	
Virpnr.	...	...	...	...	2	96	3	42	...	59	1	55	1	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	14	32	...	20	93	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains in the Virpur State, during the year 1915-16.

No.	Articles.	During March (past year) lbs. per Rupee.	During March (present year) lbs. per Rupee.	Remarks.
1	Wheat.	20	20	
2	Bajri.	21	18	
3	Mug.	20	13	
4	Adad.	20	13	
5	Muth.	26	20	
6	Juvari.	25	21	
7	Rice.	10	10	
8	Gram.	21	18	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing expenditure of public Works carried out in the Virpur State, during the year 1915–16.

Description of Works.	State funds.			Local funds.			Total.	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
Buildings and road repair.	†2300	50	2350	... ...	... ...	... ...	2350	†The sum was spent in erecting the Suraji Hostel.

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Virpur State, during the year 1915–16.

State.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes. Male.	Buffaloes. Female.	Horses.	Mares.	Colts and Fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With 2 bullocks.	With 4 bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.	
Virpur.	1915–16	1900	1475	50	555	45	60	31	360	4780	710	...	12 ~~120~~	280	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue in the Virpur State for the year 1915–16.

Stations.	Country spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
Kharedi–Virpur State.	2	220	2	182–0–0	2	30–0–0	...	...	6	432–0–0	

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APPENDIX

Statement showing receipt and disbursement

Receipts.

No. of Heads.	Number of Demands.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.	Total. Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
A	Land Revenue							
	1 Vighoti and Santi Vero	47053	1	7				
	2 Vaje							
	3 Maswadi...							
	Total of A...				47053	1	7	
B	Excise revenue including Mandwi Bham Opium Ganja &c.	2488	0	0				
C	Marriage gifts	2637	14	3				
D	Miscellaneous such as Ubhad vero, Dhan vero, Kanyachori Ghee dhabla &c.	1601	15	0				
E	Jame and Sudharo from the Bhayats ...	2143	6	2				
	Total of B to E...				8871	3	5	
F	Judicial receipts	1690	11	2				
G	Other Miscellaneous	1750	13	0				
H	Duty on Cotton	265	7	5				
I	Loans recovered	...	...	...				
J	Advances recovered	5610	9	11				
	Total from F to J...				9317	9	6	
K	Deposit	...	...					
L	Opening Balance	2518	13	8				
	Total from K to L...				2518	13	8	
	Grand Total including Balance...				67760	12	2	

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of the Virpur State during the year 1915-16.

Disbursement

No of Heads.	Number of expenditure.	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Total Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
A	State Expenditure							
	1 Kamdar and Vakil establishment ...	2462	1	10				
	2 Revenue establishment	951	5	5				
	3 Abadi	1738	10	9				
	4 Judicial...	1050	7	1				
	5 Dispensary	928	12	2				
	6 City Police	773	2	10				
	7 Police	1065	12	2				
	8 Swars	710	5	0				
	9 Education	729	13	6				
	10 Pension	180	13	8				
	11 Jail	143	0	8				
	12 Guests	2061	15	6				
	13 Gifts	349	2	1				
	14 Contingencies and Stationary	418	11	10				
	15 News and Gazette	118	12	6				
	16 Dharmada	483	10	2				
	17 Fala and Tributes	4816	12	3				
	18 Travelling allowances	716	14	8				
	19 Kumars Education	4659	2	3				
	20 Miscellaneous	3569	14	2				
	21 War Expenses	921	15	1				
	Total of A...				28851	3	7	
B	Raja and his family expenses							
	1 Raja and family expenses	8216	11	11				
	2 Darbari Kothar	2090	0	0				
	3 Expenses for the betrothal and Marriage Dowary &c.	1441	8	5				
	4 Cows, Buffaloes, Horses, Oxen &c, cowheards and Servants	3027	0	0				
	5 Repair of carriages and sigrams ...	81	15	0				
	6 Miscellaneons	...	...	...				
	Total of B...				14857	3	4	
C	Seeds and Tagavi	470	11	9				
D	Sale of Giras	1972	5	0				
E	Repayment of Deposit	...	...	...				
F	Repayment of Debt...	20000	0	0				
	Total from C to F...				22443	0	9	
G	Closing Balance	1609	4	6	1609	4	6	
	Grand Total from A to G...				67760	12	2	

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Virpur State during the year 1915-16.

No.	Dispensaries.	Number of patients treated.		Results of In-door patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average (both out-door & in-door.)	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented.	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
1	Virpur	9124	...	...	...	...	...	928-12-2	24·9	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Virpur State, for the year 1915–16.

Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population,				Remarks.
										Births.		Deaths.		
		1914–15	1915–16			1914–15	1915–16			1914–15	1915–16	1914–15	1915–16	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kharedi Virpur State.	6780	238	259	21	0	174	101	...	73	35·1	38·2	25·6	14·8	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the schools maintained by the Virpur State during the year 1915-16.

Number of schools		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March,		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure.			Total	Remarks.
1914-15	1915-16		1914-15	1915-16	1914-15	1915-16	High Schools.	Secondary Schools.	Primary Schools.		
2	2	Virpur Taluka School.	115	130	91·2	95·8	...	...	789-6-2	789-6-2	
		Kharedi School.	60	67	51·9	49·4	...	...			

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for the year 1916-17.

A short history of the original State of Virpur.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS family of Jadeja Rajputs which has given rulers to Cutch, Navanagar, Maliya, Morvi, Rajkot, (Gondal & Kotda Sangani) also established its authority by force of arms over Virpur, Gondal, Kotda-Sangani and Virpur became the possessions of scions of the Navanagar family whose numerous members had to be provided for by one means or another. The foundation of the House whose direct representative is the present Thakore Saheb of Virpur goes back to the latter half of the sixteenth century. In 1562 A. D. Jam Vibhoji I succeeded to the Gadi of Navanagar and when he died seven years later, he left four sons. The eldest, Satarsal or Sataji acceded to the throne and the other three received certain territories in appanage. The second son Bhanji received from the Jamnagar State, Kalavad and other eleven villages in Appanage in Samvat 1635 (A. D. 1579). But on account of certain disputes with the Navanagar State, he refused the Giras and took shelter under the Mahomedan Thandar of Kharedi which was very much troubled by the Kathis. Bhanji assisted the Thandar in expelling the Kathis for which he was granted one half of the Kharedi lands. After his death, his son Bharoji gallantly obtained full possession of Kharedi by expelling the Mahomedan Thandars and established a Taluka of 36 villages. After Bharoji's death, Hardholji, Sahebji and Mokoji successively came to the Gadi. The last being a very brave warrior, ren-

dered help to the Jamnagar State conquer some villages and consolidated the Taluka of 84 villages.

Mokoji was respectively succeeded by Muluji, Jethji, and Mokoji II alias Bavoji. The latter changed his capital from Kharedi to Virpur. He repaired the old fort of this new capital. Bavoji was succeeded by his eldest Kumar Suroji in whose time the horrible famine of Samvat 1869 (A.D. 1813) devastated most of the Taluka villages. Several Bhayats holding villages in appanage having received no shelter nor relief from the State of Virpur acknowledged Suzerainty of the State of Jamnagar and Gondal at the time of Colonel Walker's Settlements or thereabouts owing mainly to the minority of the Chief. Thus only 13 villages were left to the Virpur Chiefdom just at the advent of the British powers in the province of Kathiawar.

Suroji was respectively succeeded by Muluji II. Sartanji and Suroji II (the present Thakore Saheb).

CHAPTER I

GENERAL AND POLITICAL.

It is a matter of great regret that the continental war is still raging. The Native States and the Indian subjects have shown their loyalty by rendering every sort of assistance to the British Government and hope that success may attend the British arms.

This Taluka is also paying a monthly contribution of Rs. 30 from 15th December 1915, to the Tailoring Fund Rajkot Branch opened by Her Excellency Lady Willingdon.

Virpur is a 4th class State situated in the Halar Prant of the Kathiawar Political Agency. It is bounded by the States of Navanagar, Junagadh, Gondal and the Taluka of Mengni, Dhrafa, Mulifa Jetpur *&c.*

The area of the State is 66·6 square miles. The population according to the last Census is 6780 souls. It is composed mostly of Kunbis, Rajputs, Brahmins, Banias, Lubanas, Khants, Sindhis, Khojas, Kolies, Dheds &c. &c.

The gross revenue of the State based on the average of the past five years Rs. 47767-1-9.

The Taluka pays annually Rs. 3418-0-0 as Peshkashi to the British Government and Rs. 696-0-0 as Zortalbi to Junagadh, thus making a total of Rs. 4114-0-0.

The present Thakore Saheb Shri Suraji is 71 years of age. He belongs to the Jadeja Clan of Rajputs and has three Kumars. The heir apparent K. S. Hamirsinhji who is 41 yeas old, holds the charge of the Revenue Department and takes keen interest in State matters and keeps control over the Khangi Kharach also. K. S. Ramsinhji is now acting as Kamdar in this State as shown in Appendix I. Both the Kumars have been educated in the Rajkumar College at Rajkot K. S. Joravarsinhji the youngest is 17 years old and is receiving English education in the Suraji Hostel, Virpur.

Thakore Saheb's eldest Rani Chabhadiawala died of old age at the age of 70 years on 6th December 1916.

K. S. Hamirsinhji, the heir apparent had six Kumars. but the youngest Kumar named K. S. Kishorsinhji died of dropsy at the age of 4 years on 30th December 1916. The eldest Dilipsinhji is 17 years old, while the younger Kumars Mahipatsinhji, Balbhadrasinhji, Vanrajsinhji, Randhirsinhji are respectively 15 years, 13 years 11 years and 9 years, old. All the Kumars are receiving English education in the Suraji Hostel, Virpur.

The heir presumptive K. S. Dilipsinhji married this year on the 17th February with Kesharkunvarba the Kunvari Shree of the late Rana Shree Jitsinhji of Mandwa State under Rewakantha Agency. The marriage took place by *Hathewala ceremony.*

On this auspicious occasion, Raja Saheb of Dharampur, K. S. Karansinhji the heir presumptive of Sayla, Heir apparent of Khirasra, Thakore Saheb of Sarwan and Raoji of Jawasa under Malva Agency, all these being the nearest relations were invited and they were all present at Virpur; moreover Khan Saheb of Manavadar was also present. Out of these all except Raja Saheb of Dharampur and Khan Saheb of Manavadar, accompained the Jan party to Mandwa which was handed by heir apparent K. S. Hamirsinhji.

Mr. Smart the Political Agent of Rewakantha Agency was present there with his staff and he treated us in such a hospitable manner that the absence of Rana Saheb was not felt.

The residence of the Chief is at Virpur which is a Railway Station on the G. P. S. Ry. As Kharedi was the former Capital, the Taluka is called Kharedi Virpur.

The Kamdar visited all the villages of the Taluka during the year under report to inquire about the condition of the people, to redress their

grievances, and to give them all possible assistance in their cultivation etc.

CHAPTER II

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND.

The Taluka consists of 13 villages, of which 4⅙ are Khalsa and 8 5/6 are Bhayati. These are divided into 2 Mahals viz. Virpur Mahal and Kharedi Mahal. In the four Khalsa villages viz. Virpur, Kagwad, Thorala and Kharedi, the Vighoti System *i. e.* payment in cash is prevalent, while in the ⅙ share in Hadmadia and in 7 5/6 Bhayati villages except Makhakarod, the Bhagbatai system is in force. In a fairly good year, cultivators find no difficulty in paying cash assessment, but in a bad year remissions and suspensions have to be resorted to. In the Bhagbatai system, the cultivators have to pay only a fixed share of whatever produce they have received in addition to Vera.

For the purposes of revenue, the year is calculated from the 1st of Kartak Sud to 30th of Asho Vadi. This roughly corresponds with the commencement of November to the close of October. The figures for the year under report, therefore are those for the period commencing with 1st Kartak Sud of Samvat 1972 and ending with Asho of the same year.

Most of the Waste land is made culturable & given to cultivators for cultivation in the year under report.

No alienation of the State land has been effected.

There is no particular dispute regarding any boundary but the fixing and erecting of boundary pillars in their proper places are often to be met with.

The system of Takavi advances has for the most part been introduced since the famine year of St. 1956. It is not likely to be discontinued as the cultivators are still under effects of the famine of Samvat 1968 and the scarcity of the year under report.

CHAPTER III.

Legislation.—The Courts of this Taluka are generally guided by the spirits of the laws in force in Kathiawar Agency.

Military force.—This State does not maintain any military force.

Police—The Police force consists of two Chief Constables, one Naik, 14 Foot Police and 6 mounted Police,—total 23 men. They are armed

with carbine rifles and swords. The total cost of the Police Department during the year under report has been Rs. 2772 i. e. the same as that in the last year. The ratio of the Police to the population is ·0033 and to the area ·34 per square mile.

The work of the Police has been good as regards preservation of order and detection of crimes. The offences are mostly petty. There has been no dacoity. The percentage of stolen property recovered is more than it was in the past year. The full statistics about the cost, number and working of the Police are given in the Appendix IV to VII.

Village Police—There are 28 village Police of which 26 are paid in cash while 2 have got land on service tenure. They protect the villages and the crops and assist the Police in keeping order.

Criminal Justice—There are three Criminal Courts, viz (1) the Court of Kharedi Thandar exercising powers of a 3rd class Magistrate (situated) of Kharedi (2) the Original Side Court situated at Virpur and presided over by the Kamdar exercising the full Criminal Jurisdiction of the State and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the above mentioned two lower Courts, presided over by the Thakore Saheb. It will appear from Appendix VIII that in the year under report 58 offences involving 66 persons were dealt with by the courts as against 69 offences involving 80 persons of the last year. Out of these 11 persons were discharged 23 acquitted 32 convicted.

There were six criminal appeals in the year under report vide Appendix IV.

Civil Justice—There are three Civil Courts in the Taluka viz (1) the Court of the Kharedi Thandar at Kharedi empowered to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 250, (2) the original Side Court at Virpur exercising the full Civil Jurisdiction of the Taluka and presided over by the Kamdar and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the lower Courts presided over by the Thakore Saheb.

The number of Courts, both Civil and Criminal has been the same as in the past years.

There was an opening balance of 4 suits in both the Courts, while 13 new suits of the total value of Rs 732-9-9 were instituted during the year under report as against 34 suits in the last year. The Courts disposed of 13 suits of the value of Rs. 442-4-9 including the previous year's arrears vide Appendix X.

Appendix XI shows an opening balance of 17 applications for executions of decrees, of the value of Rs 6929-0-5½ new applications of the total value of Rs. 13169-2-11½ were filed during the year under report. Out of these 45 applications of the value of Rs. 7644-14-10 have been disposed of thus having a balance of 33. It will appear from Appendix XII that no appeal was filed during the year under report.

Extradition—1 person is extradited to this Taluka while this State has extradied 2 to another Taluka.

Prison—There are two Jails in the Taluka (1) at Virpur and (2) at Kharedi. The guard at these Jails is supplied by the Police. There was no prisoner remaining in Jail at the close of the last year. And 15 prisoners were admitted in the year under report, the number remaining in the Jail at the end of the year being none. The total cost on account of Jail and prisoners has been Rs. 64-9-7 as against Rs. 93-0-7 in the last year, vide Appendix XIII. The general conduct and health of the prisoners were good. They are employed on out-door work.

Registration—9 Documents of the value of Rs. 1172-8-0 were presented for registration in the year under report as against of the value of Rs. 2112-10-8 in the last year. The fees realised were Rs. 13-8-0 as against 10-8-0 in the last year, vide Appendices XIV and XV.

Municipal Administration—There is no regular Municipality, but strict attention is paid to the cleanliness and general sanitation of the various villages.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

Weather crops and rainfall—The average rainfall is considered to be some what between 21 and 25 inches. During the year under report Virpur received 21-87. There being sufficient and timely rainfall in the year under report, the crops were satisfactory, but owing to the scarcity of rain in the previous year, scarcity of water in the wells was felt which mostly prevented the sowing of wheat; excepting this loss, the year under report has proved to be a satisfactory one.

Wages, labour and food grains—Ratio of wages is still high it is as it was before last famine year. Appendix XVIII will show that the prices of all commodities have risen on account of famine.

Forest—There is no scope for rearing any forest within the limits of

this Taluka but there are a number of babul and other trees and every encouragement is given for the rearing of such trees. There are several hills which are only useful in producing grass. The produce of grass is in an ordinary year, almost sufficient for the requirement of the Taluka. It is only in a very good year that there is any surplus for sale or for hay stocks. But during the year under report there was no production of grass on account of scanty rain.

Trade and Manufactures—The trade consists principally of good grains. The chief articles of export in a good year are cotton. wool, grains, oil and molasses, Coarse country cloth called Khadi is woven by Dheds by means of hand looms The same is coloured into Cholia by dyers. Both these kinds of cloth are mainly used by cultivators and the labouring classes. Woolen blankets are also manufactured for local consumption. The ginning factory erected by Mr. Jivan Vasta of Rajkot did not work satisfactorily this year. An oil engine ginning factory of 6 looms has been established at Kharedi Mahal which has not also worked satisfactorily this year on account of bad year.

Public works—Rs. 107-11-4 were spent in repairing vide App. XIX.

Custom duties—The State levies no duty on the commodities exported but it levies one pice per rupee as duty on all goods imported into the State limits with the exception of the most valuable commodities such as gold silver, musk, saffron, Ambar &c. &c. This import duty is farmed out every year by public auction and the highest bidder is given the Ijaras.

Post office—There are two Post Offices in this Taluka (1) at Virpur and (2) at Kharedi. They are worked by School Masters and are called the Branch Post offices receiving Bangies, money-orders etc.

Mint—There is no mint in the Taluka.

General condition of State and People—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 1609-4-6. After meeting all necessary expenses the balance at the end of the year was Rs. 68-10-0. Further details are given in Chapter V.

The public health has remained fair throughout the year. The general diseases prevalent in the towns and villages were ulcers skin diseases and the diseases of ears and eyes and also fevers and specially cough cold appeared in this year.

The condition of the people is good; however owing to famine year of 1963 and such other previous bad years the cultivators have lost all power of resisting a draught of scarcity but the timely assistance rendered by the

Taluka from time to time in the shape of Takavi advances, and suspensions of the Vighoti has in a great measure tended to save them and in two or three good years they are likely to be restored to their original good condition.

The labouring class is in a tolerably good condition.

There has been neither immigration nor emigration worth nothing.

There are two shops for the sale of country liquor and two for the sale of opium and Ganja each respectively.

The total excise revenue for the year has been Rs. 557 against Rs. 432 in the last year vide Appendix XXI.

CHAPTER V

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

The gross revenue in the year under report i. e. Samvat year 1972 has been Rs. 27590-1-4 as against Rs. 59631-4-7 in the previous year.

The year of Samvat of 1972 being proved to be mostly like that of a famine year in the whole of the Taluka remission and suspension in Vighoti were tendered and Takavi advances to some who were fit were also tendered.

CHAPTER VI

VITAL STATISTICS &c.

There is one dispensary at Virpur. It is in the charge of a sub assistant surgeon. It will appear from Appendix XXII that 10407 out-door patients were treated at the dispensary as against 9124 in the last year while the daily average attendance was 29·4 as against 21·9 in the last year The cost of the department to the Taluka has been Rs. 853-9-11 as against Rs. 928-12-2 in the last year.

Vaccination—272 children were vaccinated during the year under report.

Births and deaths—Appendix XXIV will show that there were 333 births and 179 deaths in the year under report as against those of 259 and 101 in the last year. The ratio of births and deaths per thousand of population has been 50 and 26·4 respectively.

The Registers of births and deaths are kept.

Plague—Fortunately plague has not made its appearance during the year under report.

Kamboi—(Horn diseases). The animals such as bullocks, cows etc. suffering from worms in their horns are treated by K. S. Hamirsinhji.

CHAPTER VII

EDUCATION.

There are two Gujrati Schools in the Taluka viz. The Taluka School at Virpur teaching upto the 7th Standard and the Gujrati School at Kharedi teaching upto the 6th Standard. There is also a Girl's class at Virpur. The total number of boys in the two schools has been 215 as against 197 in the last year. The total cost of education is Rs. 702-9-2 for the year under report as against Rs. 786-6-2 in the previous year.

The Schools are under the supervision of the Education Department of the Agency, and the Taluka is doing its best to encourage education especially among females and the poor classes. For this purpose the Taluka has remitted the fees that were taken monthly from the boys in the two schools from the 1st January 1909. This is a real boon to the poor classes and a source of encouragement to the Ryots in the advancement of education.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is no printing press in the Taluka nor is there any Library.

There are very few poisonous snakes and wild animals which require special measure to be adopted for their destruction. The Thakore Saheb and the Kumars are very keen sportsmen and do not miss any opportunity of shooting any wild animal found within the limits of the Taluka.

The cultivators of this Taluka are generally in the habit of storing up the surplus of annual grass fodder in stock for future consumption every year.

Those who run short of it, sow grass fodder such as chhasatia, gadub maize in their Vadis or be partners with those who have sufficient quantity of water in their wells.

As regards Famine Institution the people of this Taluka are not very rich. Most of them live from hand to mouth. Consequently there is no such institution.

The Taluka is not in a position to maintain any Paddock on a large

scale but breeding operations on a small scale are carried on in the State stables under the direct supervision of the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Hamirsinhji. The Thakore Saheb is an authority on horse breeding and is one of the best riders in Kathiawar.

Before closing this report it is my humble but pleasant duty to mention that the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Hamirsinhji have always evinced great interest in the management of the Taluka and have constantly wished to put the administration of the Taluka on a sound footing.

In conclusion I once more beg to tender my grateful thanks to the Political Agent, Halar Prant and the Agent to the Governor for their kindly giving sound and valuable advice from time to time and for the great assistance rendered in the administration of the Taluka.

Virpur,

28th May 1917.

RAMSINHJI,
Kamdar,
Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX I.

Names of high Officials in the Virpur State showing changes in the personnel during the year 1916-17.

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From	To.	
1	Kumar Shri Ramsinhji	Chief Kamdar	9-10-07	Up to the present date	
2	Dalichand Fulchand Sanghavi	Nayab Kamdar	17-11-12	„	
3	Dhirajram Nathubhai Joshi	Hospital Assistant	3-6-12	„	
4	Mulchand Jivan Rajdev	Kharedi Thandar	17-11-12	„	

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APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

No.	Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Indian Penal Code	I British Indian Acts	...	Since the introduction of Regular Courts into this State these laws are in force.
2	Criminal Procedure Code			
3	Civil Procedure Code			
4	Evidence Act			
5	Limitation Act			
6	Contract Act			
7	Stamp Act	II From British Indian Acts	...	These laws have been inforced since such occasions as have met with
8	Registration Act			
9	Court Fee Rules			
10	Process Fee Rules			

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the Strength, Cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Virpur State, for the year 1916-17.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	*Casualties.*			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	*Number of men.*					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the Strength, Cost, Discipline, and Education of the Police Force in the Virpur State, for the year 1916–17.

No.	Description of Police.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (yearly).	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
					Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Chief Constables	2	15 & 20	2772	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
2	Police Naik	1	8		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
3	Sepoys	14	6 & 7		...	...	...	...	...	6	...	
4	Mounted Police	4	20-0-0		...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
5	Dromedaries	2	12-0-0		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		23								11		

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

Number	State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested		Number of accused sent for trial		Number of accused convicted		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial		Remarks.
		1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1916-17	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Kharedi-Virpur State	32	29	28	25	28	25	19	20	8	5	67·8	80	67·8	80	1 remaining under trial at the end of the past year.

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and the amount of recoveries in the Virpur State during the year 1916-17.

Name of State.	Amount Stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen		Remarks.
	1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1916-17	1915-16	1966-17	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kharedi Virpur State	579-6-2	481-11-4	77-6-0	171-12-7	13·3	35·6	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Virpur State, during the year 1916–17.

No.	Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during the past year.	Number of cases disposed of during the present year.	Number of persons apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined, being insane.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Capital punishment	Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
		Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one month	From 1 to 2 months	From 2 to 3 months	From 3 to 6 months	From 6 to 12 months	From 1 to 2 years	From 2 to 3 years	From 3 to 5 years	Above 5 years	Transportation			
									Simple	Rigorous	Simple	Rigorous																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	I. P. C.																														
	18–323 1–451 11–380 1–510 7–379 1–352 1–324 1–186 1–411 1–309 1–325 1–454 7–504 1–499 3–426 2–457 58																														
1		1	58	59	60	54	66	32	2	4	1	8	17	...	32	34	...	...	10	1	2	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Virpur State, during the year 1916–17.

No.	Name of Courts of the State.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.							
				Remaining at the end of last year.	*Brought to trial in 1916–17*					*Total.*							Persons remaining at the end of the year.	No. of criminal cases remaining for trial at the end of the year.	Remarks.
		1915–1916	1916–1917		Arrested by police.	Upon warrant	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	1915–1916	1916–1917	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred	Died, escaped or transferred			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	I4	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Original Side Court	39	37	1	19	4	14	1	3	40	42	8	12	22	...	...	...	...	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	30	21	...	6	4	13	...	1	40	24	3	11	10	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	69	58	1	25	8	27	1	4	80	66	11	23	32	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

Name of State.	Tribunal	Number of Applications.	Number of persons and Cases.																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences.* Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		*Proceedings* quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry; &c. ordered.		Pending.		
			Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Kharedi-Virpur State	Hazur Court	6	...	...	3	2	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX X.

Civil work–Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Virpur State, during the year 1916–17.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Value.	Suits re landed property.	Suits for money transaction	Suits for other rights. Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1000.	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000.	*Ex parte*	Admitted and compromised	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value.	Average duration.	
																									y, m. d.	
1	Original Side Court	5	4	10	2	15	6	11	2	4	4	301-5-0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	11-0-0	0-6-8	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	0	0	9	11	9	11	9	11	0	0	431-4-9	0	11	0	10	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	4	431-4-9	0-1-19	
		5	4	19	13	24	17	20	13	4	4	732-9-9	0	13	0	11	2	0	0	0	1	3	4	5	442-4-9	0-3-28	

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APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work–Results of applications for execution of decrees filed in the Courts of the Virpur State during the year 1916–17.

No.	Tribunal.	Opening balance		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1916–17			Remarks.
		Past year	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year	Past year.	Present year	Value for present year	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Original Side Court	28	10	5927–0–2	9	22	9697–13–1	37	32	15624-13-3	27	15	5015–11–2	10	17	10609–2–1	13	1	3	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	23	7	1002–0–3½	12	39	3466–5–10½	35	46	4468–6–2	28	30	2629–3–8	7	16	1839–2–6	16	...	...	
		51	17	6929–0–5½	21	61	13164-2-11½	72	78	20093-3-5	55	45	7644–14–10	17	33	12448–4–7	29	1	3	

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APPENDIX XII

Statement showing the Civil work-Number and results of appeals in civil suits in the Virpur State, during the year 1916–17.

No.	Tribunal.	Opening balance		Filed during the year.		Total		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
														Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases remanded for trial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
		Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
																								y. m. d.	y. m. d.	
1	Hazur Court	2	..,	3	0	5	...	5	...	...	...	582-13-9	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	0-9-11	...	

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Virpur State, during the year 1916–17

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year	Admitted during the year.	*Total*							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Virpur	1	...	12	8	12	·2	·33	...	47–5–2	y. m. d. 0–0–14	
Kharedi	1	...	3	4	3	·1	·1	...	17–9–5	0–0– 6	
Total...	2	...	15	12	15	·3	·34	...	64–9–7	0–20	

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APPENDIX XIV

Statement showing the details of Registration of Documents in the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

Name of the Registering office of the State.	Documents presented for Registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents Registered		Value of Documents Registered.		Documents of which Registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages		Sale deeds		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Kharedi-Virpur State	7	9	1	1	5	4	...	...	1	4	...	...	7	9	Rs.As.P. 2112-10-8	Rs.As.P 1172-8-0	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Virpur State during the year 1916-17.

Description	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property. Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized. Rs.	As.	P.	Number of deeds	Value of property. Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized. Rs.	As.	P.	
Mortgages ..	1	500	...	...	1	8	...	1	90	4	...	1	8	...	
Money bonds ..	1	750	...	...	1	8	...	4	840	...	...	6	...	...	
Wills ...	0	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale deeds ...	5	862	10	8	7	8	...	4	242	4	...	6	...	...	
Miscellaneons ...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Expenditure ...	0	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Net profit ...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	7	2112	10	8	10	8	0	9	1172	8	0	13	8	0	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

દલીચંદ કુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

Name	Opening Balance on 1st April. 1916	Receipts during the year		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March. 1917	Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year		Past year.	Present year		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	There is no regular Municipality in this State.

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

દલીચંદ પુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVII.

Statement showing the rainfall in the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

State	April 1916		May 1916		June 1916		July 1916		August 1916		September 1916		October 1916		November 1916		December 1916		January 1917		February 1917		March 1917		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	
Virpur.	...	.	1	15	1	86	7	46	3	40	5	99	2	1	..	...	...	...	...		...	.	..	...	21	87	10	14	18	19	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

ઇશ્વરભાઇ પુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVIII.

Statements as to prices of staple food-grains, in the Virpur State, during the year 1916–17.

No.	Articles.	During March (past year) lbs. per rupee	During March (present year). lbs. per rupee	Remarks.
1	Wheat	20	21	
2	Bajri	18	21	
3	Mug.	13	22	
4	Adad	13	15	
5	Muth	20	24	
6	Juvari	21	28	
7	Rice	10	9	
8	Gram	18	21	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

હલીચ'દ કુલચ'દ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing Expenditure of public Works, carried out in the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

No.	Description of works.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.			Remarks
		Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			10
1	Road repair	...	...	...	107 11 4	107 11 4	...	...	...	...	107 11 4	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

દલીચંદ કુવરચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Virpur State during the year 1916-17.

No.	District	Years.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
			Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and Fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With 2 bullocks	With 4 bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.	
					Male.	Female.										
1	.2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Virpur	1916-17	2297	1805	65	602	47	72	38	445	6551	778	...	6	328	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

હરીચંદ પુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise shops and Excise revenue in the Virpur State during the year 1916-17.

Station	Country Spirit		Opium.		Ganja		Tari		Total		Remarks.
	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue	
Kharedi-Virpur	2	240	2	216	2	101	...	...	6	557	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

દલીચંદ પુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX

Statement showing receipt and expenditure of the

RECEIPTS.

No. of Heads	Number of Demands	Amount Rs.	A.	P	Total Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks
A	Land Revenue	20210	12	8				
	1 Vighoti and Santi Vero							
	2 Vaje							
	3 Maswadi							
	Total of A...				20210	12	8	
B	Excise revenue including Mandvi, Bham, opium, Ganja &c.	3462	0	0				
C	Miscellaneous such as Ubhad vero, Dhan vero, Kanyachori, Ghee, Dhabla &c.	672	9	11				
D	Jame and Sudharo from the Bhayats	2070	1	2				
	Total of B to D..				6204	11	1	
E	Judicial receipts	919	10	10				
F	Other Miscellaneous	100	0	2				
G	Duty on cotton	154	14	7				
H	Loans recovered	0	0	0				
I	Advances recovered	0	0	0				
	Total from F to I...				1174	9	7	
J	Deposit	0	0	0				
K	Loan of Morvi State	30000	0	0				
L	Opening Balance	1609	4	6				
	Total from J to L...				1609	4	6	
	Grand Total including Balance...				59199	5	10	

Virpur,

Dated 11th April 1917.

XXII.

Virpur State during the year 1916-17.

DISBURSEMENT.

No. of Heads	Number of expenditure	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Total Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
A	State Expenditure							
	1 Kamdar and Vakils establishment	2827	4	6				
	2 Revenue establishment ...	981	5	6				
	3 Abadi	2256	9	8				
	4 Judicial	942	11	0				
	5 Dispensary	853	9	11				
	6 City Police...	675	3	0				
	7 Police	1089	10	11				
	8 Swars	574	5	5				
	9 Education	702	4	2				
	10 Pension	139	15	4				
	11 Jail	156	1	7				
	12 Guests	2635	9	6				
	13 Gifts	642	14	0				
	14 Contingences and Stationery ...	488	2	9				
	15 News and Gazette	90	13	0				
	16 Dharmada	719	8	2				
	17 Fala and Tributes	4745	12	8				
	18 Travelling allowances... ...	726	10	2				
	19 Kumars Education	2912	10	9				
	20 Miscellaneous	4440	13	6				
	21 War Expenses	337	0	0				
	22 Loan to Bhayats	863	14	11				
	23 Building and Road Repairs ..	371	11	10				
	Total of A.....				30174	10	3	
B	Raja and his family expenses							
	1 Raja and family expenses ...	8241	1	11				
	2 Darbari Kothar	2360	7	5				
	3 Expenses for the betrothal and Marriage, Dowary &c.	1959	7	0				
	4 Cows, buffaloes, Horses, Oxen &c.... cowherds and servants ...	3197	10	3				
	5 Repair of carriages and sigrams ...	151	12	6				
	Total of B...				15910	7	1	
C	Seeds and Tagavi	1753	11	11				
D	Repayment of Debt	11291	14	7				
	Total from C to D...				13045	10	6	
E	Closing Balance	68	10	0	68	10	0	
	Grand total from A to E...				59199	5	10	

દલીચંદ ખુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Virpur State, during the year 1916–17.

No.	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated		Result of In-door patients				Expenditure.	Daily average	Remarks
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged	Absented.	Died	Remaining under treatment			
1	Virpur	10407	...	...	...	...	...	853-9-11	29·4	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

દલીચંદ ફુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

No.	Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population				Remarks
			Past year.	Present year			Past year	Present year			Births.		Deaths.		
											Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Kharedi-Virpur State	6780	259	339	80	0	101	179	78	0	38·2	50	14·8	26·4	

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

દલીચંદ ખુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XXV

Particulars as to the schools maintained by the Virpur State, during the year 1916-17.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure.			Total	Remarks.
Past year	Present year		Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	High School	Secondary Schools	Primary Schools		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	Virpur Taluka School	130	143	95·8	112·4	...	...	702-4-2	702-4-2	
		Kharedi School	67	72	49·4	57·18	...	...			

Virpur

Dated 11th April 1917.

દલીચંદ કુલચંદ

for Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	*Total.*							
				Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Virpur	1	...	4	12	4	·33	·019	...	69-4-2	y. m. d, 0-0-18	
Kharedi	1	2	2	3	4	·1	·03	...	5-5-7	0-0-5½	
Total...	2	2	6	15	8	·43	·049	...	74-9-9		

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of Registration of Documents in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18

Name of the Registering office of the State.	Documents presented for Registration		Nature of documents presented.										Documents Registered.		Value of Documents Registered.		Documents of which Registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered, pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages		Sale deeds		Wills		Money bonds		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Kharedi-Virpur State	9	23	1	2	4	21		...	4	...	...	...	9	23	Rs. As. P. 1172-8-0	Rs. As. P. 3936-5-9	...	....	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18.

Description	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks
	Number of deeds.	Value of property Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized, Rs.	As.	P.	Number of deeds.	Value of property. Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized. Rs.	As.	P.	
Mortgages	1	90	4	...	1	8	...	2	1350	...	...	4	...	...	
Money bonds	4	840	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Sale deeds	4	242	4	...	6	...	...	21	2586	5	9	31	8	...	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Net profit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Totol...	9	1172	8	...	13	8	...	23	3936	5	9	35	8	...	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18.

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st April 1917	Receipts during the year		Total in current year	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March 1917	Remarks.
		Past year	Present year		Past year	Present year		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	There is no regular Municipality in this State

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVII.

Statement showing the Rainfall in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18.

State	April 1917		May 1917		June 1917		July 1917		August 1917.		September 1917.		October 1917.		November 1917.		December 1917.		January 1918.		February 1918.		March 1918.		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	
Virpur		.	5	30	6	14	5	84	16	..	2	60	10	83	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	71	21	87	27	7	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains in the Virpur State, during the year 1917—18.

No.	Articles.	During March (past year.) (per rupee)	During March (present year) (per rupee)	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Wheat	21	13	
2	Bajri	21	13	
3	Mug	22	16	
4	Adad	15	13	
5	Muth	24	20	
6	Juvari	28	16	
7	Rice	9	7	
8	Gram	21	16	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XIX

Statement showing Expenditure on public works, carried out in the Virpur State, during the year 1917—18.

No.	Description of works.	State Funds			Local Funds.			Total.	Remarks.
		Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Building & repair	1336	15	1351	... .	... ...	... ...	1351	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur.

APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing Agricultural Stock in the Virpur State during the year 1917—18.

No.	Name of State	Year	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
			Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes. Male.	Buffaloes. Female.	Horses.	Mares.	Colts and Fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	with 2 bullocks	with 4 bullocks	Riding.	Load carrying	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Virpur	1917—18	2308	1789	66	619	51	98	40	494	7538	769	...	6	344	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XXI.

Statement shewing the Excise shops and Excise revenue of the Virpur State, during the year 1917–18.

Name of State	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Kharedi–Virpur	2	240	2	241	2	101	...	...	6	582	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur.

APPENDIX

Statement showing receipt and expenditure of the Virpur

RECEIPTS.

No, of heads	Number of demands	Amount			Total			Remark
		Rs.	A.	P	Rs.	A.	P	
A	Land revenue Vighoti, Santi vero, Vaje & Musvadi	48337	8	0	48337	8	0	
B	Excise revenue, including Mandvi Bham, Opium, Ganja &c.	6127	6	9	6127	6	9	
C	Ubhad vero, Dhan vero, Kanyachori and Ghee Dhabla &c.	1018	9	2	1018	9	2	
D	Jame and Sudharo from Bhayats	2392	10	9	2392	10	9	
E	Judicial receipts	1420	0	0	1420	0	0	
F	Duty on cotton	364	15	7	364	15	7	
G	Other miscellaneous	5510	12	7	5510	12	7	
H	Marriage gift	16500	0	0	16500	0	0	
I	Loans recovered	11250	12	2	11250	12	2	
	Total from A to I...	92922	11	0	92922	11	0	
	Opening balance...	68	10	0	68	10	0	
	Grand total...	92991	5	0	92991	5	0	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

XXII.

State during 1917—18 (Samvat 1973).

DISBURSEMENTS.

No. of heads	Number of expenditure	Amount Rs.	A.	P	Total Rs.	A.	P	Remarks
A	State expenditure							
	1 Kamdar and Vakil establishments	2998	14	3				
	2 Revenue establishments	987	11	4				
	3 Abadi	629	10	5				
	4 Judicial	1074	11	10				
	5 Dispensary	1340	4	4				
	6 City Police	730	6	10				
	7 Police	1305	3	11				
	8 Swars	630	1	10				
	9 Education	723	9	11				
	10 Pension	158	1	7				
	11 Jail	165	13	9				
	12 Guests	3518	11	5				
	13 Gifts	1276	8	3				
	14 Contingencies & Stationary	435	9	4				
	15 News & Gazette	116	9	0				
	16 Dharmada [charity]	480	9	5				
	17 Fala & Tributes	6478	0	0				
	18 Travelling allowances	1097	9	6				
	19 Kumar's Education	3348	1	7				
	20 War expenses	390	0	0				
	21 Building and road repair	9863	9	4				
	22 Miscellaneous	5096	14	4				
					42746	12	2	
B	Raja & his family expenses							
	1 Raja and his family	9267	5	4				
	2 Darbari Kothar	3239	7	1				
	3 Cows, buffaloes, horses, oxen, cowheards & servants	2795	11	9				
	4 Betrothal, marriage, dowry expenses	13837	6	11				
	5 Carriage & Sigram repairing	211	12	3				
					29351	11	4	
C	Repayment of debt	20000	0	0	20000	0	0	
	Total expenditure...				92098	7	6	
D	Closing balance	892	13	6				
	Grand total ..				92991	5	0	

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur

APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Virpur State during the year 1917—18.

No.	Dispensary	Number of patients treated		Results of in-door patients				Expenditure	Daily average	Remarks
		Out-door	In-door	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining under treatment			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Virpur	16177	...	...	...	...	...	1340-4-4	44·3	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital Statistics of the Virpur State, for the year 1917-18.

Name.	Population	Births		Increase	Decrease	Deaths		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population				Remarks
										Births		Deaths		
		Past year	Present year			Past year	Present year			Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kharedi-Virpur State	6780	339	320	...	19	179	134	...	45	50	47·1	26·4	19·7	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the schools maintained by the Virpur State during the year 1917–18.

Number of Schools		Description of Schools	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March		Daily average attendance		Expenditure			Total	Remarks
Past year	Present year		Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	High School	Secondary	Primary		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	Virpur Taluka School	143	117	112·4	84·2	...	...	723-9-11	723-9-11	
		Kharedi School	72	61	57·18	54·6	...	...			

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

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of the

KHAREDI VIRPUR

STATE.

For the year 1917-18.

A short history of the original State of Virpur.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS family of Jadeja Rajputs which has given rulers to Cutch, Nawanagar, Maliya, Morai, Rajkot, [Gondal & Kotda Sangani] also established its authority by force of arms over Virpur, Gondal, Kotda-Sangani and Virpur became the possession of scions of the Navanagar family whose numerous members had to be provided for by one means or another. The foundation of the House whose direct representative is the present Thakore Saheb of Virpur goes back to the latter half of the sixteenth century. In 1562 A. D. Jam Vibhoji I succeeded to the Gadi of Navanagar and when he died seven years later, he left four sons. The eldest Satarsal or Sataji acceded to the throne and the other three received territories in appanage The second son Bhanji received from the Jamnagar State, Kalavad and other eleven villages in Appanage in Samvat 1635 (A. D. 1579). But on account of certain disputes with the Navanagar State he refused the Giras and took shelter under the Mahomedan Thandar of Kharedi which was very much troubled by the Kathis, Bhanji assisted the Thandar in expelling the Kathis for which he was granted one

half of the Kharedi lands. After his death, his son Bharoji gallantly obtained full possession of Kharedi by expelling the Mahomedan Thandars and established a Taluka of 36 villages. After Bharoji's death, Hardholji, Sahebji and mokaji successively came to the Gadi. The last being a very brave warrior, rendered help to the Jamnagar State conquer some villages and consolidated the Taluka of 84 villages.

Mokoji was respectively succeeded by Muluji, Jethiji, and Mokoji II alias Bavoji. The latter changed his capital from Kharedi to Virpur. He repaired the old fort of this new capital. Bavoji was succeeded by his eldest Kumar Suroji in whose time the horrible famine of Samvat 1869 A. D. 1813) devastated most of the Taluka villages. Several Bhayats holding villages in appanage having received no shelter nor relief from the State of Virpur acknowledged Suzerainty of the State of Jamnagar and Gondal of the time of Colonel Walker's Settlements or thereabouts owing mainly to the minority of the Chief. Thus only 13 villages were left to the Virpur Chiefdom just at the advent of the British powers in the province of Kathiawar.

Suroji was respectively succeeded by Muluji II. Sartanji and Suroji II (the present Thakore Saheb).

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL AND POLITICAL.

It is a matter of great regret that the continental war is still raging. The Native States and the Indian subjects have shown their loyalty by rendering every sort of assistance to the British Government and hope that success may attend the British arms.

As 12th December 1917 was celebrated as 'Our Day' throughout India, it was also celebrated as such in the capital of this Taluka. The Thakore Saheb and the Princes attended the grand 'Our Day' celebration at Rajkot under the presidentship of the Agent to the Governor and contributed Rs. 429-8-0 towards the 'Our Day' account. This State sent up three horses to the races at this opportunity.

This Taluka is also paying a monthly contribution of Rs. 30 from 15th December 1915, to the Tailoring Fund Rajkot Branch opened by Her Excellency Lady Willingdon.

Virpur is a 4th class State situated in the Halar Prant of the Kathiawar Political Agency. It is bounded by the States of Nawanagar, Junagadh, Gondal and the Taluka of Mengni, Dhrafa, Mulila Jetpur &c.

The area of the State is 66·6 square miles. The population according to the last Census is 6780 souls. It is composed mostly of Kunbis, Rajputs, Brahmins, Banias, Luhanas, Khants, Sindhis, Khojas, Kolies, Dheds &c. &c.

The gross revenue of the State based on the average of the past five years Rs. 42313-9-11.

The Taluka pays annually Rs. 3418-0-0 as Peshkashi to the British Government and Rs. 696-0-0 as Zortalbi to Junagadh, thus making a total of Rs. 4114-0-0.

The present Thakore Saheb Shri Suraji is 72 years of age. He belongs to the Jadeja Clan of Rajputs and has three Kumars. The heir apparent K. S. Hamirsinhji who is 42 years old, holds the charge of the Revenue Department and takes keen interest in State matters and keeps control over the Khangi Kharach also. K. S. Ramsinhji is now acting as Kamdar in this State as shown in Appendix I. Both the Kumars have been educated in the Rajkumar College at Rajkot. K. S. Joravarsinhji the youngest is 18 years old. He passed the English VI Standard in the Suraji Hostel and having completed his matriculation course partly at the Suraji Hostel and partly at the Alfred High School, Rajkot, he appeared at the last matriculation examination.

K. S. Hamirsinhji, the heir apparent has six Kumars. The eldest Dilipsinhji is 18 years old, while the younger Kumars Mahipatsinhji, Balbhadrasinhji, Vanrajsinhji, Randhirsinhji and Girirajsinhji are respectively 16 years, 14 years, 12 yoars, 10 years and 1 year old. All the Kumars except the youngest Girirajsinhji are receiving English education in the Suraji Hostel, Virpur, K. S. Dilipsinhji reading for the School Final Examination.

The heir presumptive K. S. Dilipsinhji's Rani gave birth to a Kumar on 5th March 1918. His name is Narendrasinhji.

The residence of the Chief is at Virpur which is a Railway Station on the G. P. S. Ry. As Kharedi was the former Capital, the Taluka is called Kharedi Virpur.

The Kamdar visited all the villages of the Taluka during the year under report to inquire about the condition of the people, to redress their grievances, and to give them all possible assistance in their cultivation etc.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND.

The Taluka consists of 13 villages, of which 4½ are Khalsa and 8 5/6 are Bhayati. These are divided into 2 Mahals viz. Virpur Mahal and Kharedi Mahal. In the four Khalsa villages viz. Virpur, Kagwad, Thorala and Kharedi, the Vighoti System *i. e.* payment in cash is prevalent, while in the ⅙ share in Hadmadia and 7 5/6 Bhayati villages except Makhakarod, the Bhagbatai system is in force. In a fairly good year, cultivators find no difficulty in paying cash assessment, but in a bad year remissions and suspensions have to be resorted to. In the Bhagbatai system, the cultivators have to pay only a fixed share of whatever produce they have received in addltion to Vera.

For the purposes of revenue the year is calculated from the 1st of Kartak Sud to 30th of Asho Vadi. This roughly corresponds with the commencement of November to the close of October. The figures for the year under report, therefore are those for the period commencing with 1st Kartak Sud of Samvat 1973 and ending with Asho of the same year.

No alienation of the State land has been effected.

There is no particular dispute regarding any boundary but the fixing and erecting of boundary pillars in their proper places are often to be met with.

The system of Takavi advances has for the most part been introduced since the famine year of St. 1956. It is not likely to be discontinued as the cultivators are still under effects of the famine of Samvat 1968 and the scarcity of the year Samvat 1972.

CHAPTER III.

Legislation.—The Courts of this Taluka are generally guided by the spirits of the laws in force in Kathiawar Agency.

Military force.—This State does not maintain any military force.

Police.—The Police force consists of one Chief Constable, one Naik, 14 Foot Police and 6 mounted Police,—total 22 men. They are armed with carbine rifles and swords. The total cost of the Police Department during the year under report has been Rs. 2592 i. e. the same at that in the last year. The ratio of the Police to the population in ·0032 and to the area ·33 per square mile.

The work of the Police has been good as regards preservation of order and detection of crimes. The offences are mostly petty. There has been no dacoity. The percentage of stolen property recovered is cent percent, was in the past years. The full statistics about the cost, the number and working of the Police are given in the Appendix IV to VII.

Village Police—There are 27 village Police of which 25 are paid in cash while 2 have got land on service tenure. They protect the villages and the crops and assist the Police in keeping order.

Criminal Justice—There are three Criminal Courts, viz. [1] the Court of Kharedi Thandar exercising powers of a third class Magistrate [situated] of Kharedi (2) the original Side Court situated at Virpur and presided over by the Kamdar exercising the full Criminal Jurisdiction of the State and 3 the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the above mentioned two lower Courts, presided over by the Thakore Saheb. It will appear from Appendix VIII that in the year under report 45 offences involving 55 persons were dealt with by the courts as against 58 offences involving 55 persons of the last year. Out of these 10 persons were discharged 24 acquitted 16 convicted, and 5 are under trial.

There were six criminal appeals in the year under report vide Appendix IX.

Civil Justice—There are three Civil Courts in the Taluka viz. (1) the Court of the Kharedi Thandar at Kharedi empowered to here suits upto the value of Rs. 250, (2) the original Side Court at Virpur exercising the full Civil Jurisdiction of the Taluka and presided over by the Kamdar and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the lower Courts presided over by the Thakore Saheb.

The number of Courts, both Civil and Criminal has been the same as in the past years.

There was an opening balance of 4 suits in both the Courts, while 21 new suits of total value of Rs. 1373-6-7 were instituted during the year under report as against 13 suits in the last year. The Courts disposed of 22 suits of the value of Rs. 2112-6-4 including the previous year's arrears vide Appendix X.

Appendix XI shows an opening balance of 33 applications for executions of decrees, of the value of Rs. 12448-5-7 new applications of the total value of Rs. 12081-15-10½ were filed during the year under report. Out of these 73 applications of the value of Rs. 21729-14-4½ have been

disposed of thus having a balance of 13. It will appear from Appendix XII that no appeal was filed during the year under report.

Extradition—No person is extradited to this Taluka nor has this Taluka extradited any person to another Taluka.

Prison—There are two Jails in the Taluka (1) at Virpur and (2) at Kharedi. The guard at these Jails is supplied by the Police. There was no prisoner remaining in Jail at the close of the last year. And 6 prisoners were admitted in the year under report, the number remaining in the Jail at the end of the year being none. The total cost on account of Jail and prisoners has been Rs. 74-9-9 as against Rs 64-9-7 in the last year vide Appendix XIII. The general conduct and health of the prisoners were good. They are employed on out-door work.

Registration—23 Documents of the value of Rs. 3936-5-9 were presented for registration in the year under report as against of the value of Rs. 1172-8-0 in the last year. The fees realized were Rs. 35-8-0 as against 13-8-0 in the last year, vide Appendices XIV and XV.

Municipal Administration—There is no regular Municipality, but strict attention is paid to the cleanliness and general sanitation of the various villages.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

Whether crops and rainfall—The average rainfall is considered to be some what between 21 and 25 inches During the year under report Virpur received 46·71. This year the rainy season set in very early i. e. it began to rain from the month of May and continued to fall till October last. The total amount of rain was double the sufficient quautity for an ordinary year so it spoiled the Agatar production.

In the very beginning of the year Khapedi (small locusts) caused a great deal of damage to the growing plants as well as to the cotton plants. The rainfall of October damaged the cotton production to a great extent. It rained after wheat had been sown, so this crop was also very weak. On the whole the excessive rain rendered the production in general very weak.

Wages, labour and food grains—Ratio of wages is still high it is as it was before last famine year. Appendix XVIII will show thatthe prices of all things stand very high owing to general scarcity during the year under report.

Forest—There is no scope for rearing any forest within the limits of this Taluka but there are a number of babul and other trees and every encouragement is given for the rearing of such trees. There are several hills which are only useful in producing grass. The produce of grass is in an ordinary year, almost sufficient for the requirement of the Taluka. It is only in a very good year that there is any surplus for sale or for have stocks. But during the year under report there was sufficient production of grass.

Trade and Manufactures—The trade consists principally of good grains. The chief articles of export in a good year are cotton. wool, grains, oil and molasses, Coarse country cloth called Khadi is woven by Dheds by means of hand looms. The same is coloured into Cholia by dyers. Both these kinds of cloth are mainly used by cultivators and the labouring classes. Woolen blankets are also manufactured for local consumption. The ginning factory erected by Mr. Jivan Vasta of Rajkot worked satisfactorily during the year under report. An oil engine ginning factory of 6 looms has been established at Kharedi Mahal. It also worked satisfactorily this year.

Public works—Rs. 1351-0-0 were spent in repairing and extending the building of the Suraji Hostel vide App. XIX.

Custom duties—The State levies no duty on the commodities exported but it levies one pice per rupee as duty on all goods imported into the State limits with the exception of the most valuable commodities such as gold silver, musk, saffron, Ambar &c. &c. This import duty is farmed out every year by public auction and the highest bidder is given the Ijaras.

Post office—There are two Post Offices in this Taluka (1) at Virpur and (2) at Kharedi. They are worked by school Masters and are called the Branch Post Offices receiving Bangis, money-orders etc.

Mint—There is no mint in the Taluka.

General condition of State and People—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 68-10-0. After meeting all necessary expenses the balance at the end of the year was Rs. 892-13-6. Further details are given in Chapter V.

The public health has remained fair throughout the year. The general diseases prevalent in the towns and villages were ulcers skin diseases and the diseases of ears and eyes and also fevers cold specially cough and appeared in this year.

The condition of the people is good; however owing to famine year of 1968 and such other previous bad years the cultivators have lost all power

of resisting a draught of scarcity but the timely assistance rendered by the Taluka from time to time in the shape of Taccavi advances, and suspensions of the Vighoti has in a great measure tended to save them and in two or three good years they are likely to be restored to their original good condition.

The labouring class is in a tolerably good condition.

There has been neither immigration nor emigration worth noting.

There are two shops for the sale of country liquor and two for the sale of opium and Ganja each respectively.

The total excise revenue for the year has been Rs. 582 against Rs. 557 in the last year vide Appendix XXI.

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

The gross revenue in the year under report i. e. Samavt year 1973 has been Rs. 65171-12-10 against Rs. 27590-1-4 in the previous year.

The production of food grain is very weak during the year under report owing to the continuous heavy rain as shown in Chapter IV, but the cultivators have not suffered much owing to high prices of corn.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS &c.

There is one dispensary at Virpur. It is in the charge of a sub assistant surgeon. It will appear from Appendix XXIII that 16177 out-door patients were treated at the dispensary as against 10407 in the last year while the daily average attendance was 44·3 as against 29·4 in the last year. The cost of the department to the Taluka has been Rs. 1340-4-4 as against Rs. 853-9-11 in the last year.

Vaccination—375 children were vaccinated during the year under report.

Births and deaths—Appendix XXIV will show that there were 320 births and 134 deaths in the year under report as against those of 339 and 134 in the last year. The ratio of births and deaths per thousand of population has been 47·1 and 19·7 respectively.

The Registers of births and deaths are kept.

Plague—Fortunately plague has not made its appearance during the year under report. It spread in almost every village in Kathiawar during this year. It extended to the neighbouring villages of this Taluka, but by the grace of God and by the proper quarantine regulation, the Taluka stands uneffected upto now.

Kamboi—(Horn diseases). The animals such as bullocks, cows etc. suffering from worms in their horns are treated by K. S. Hamirsihhji.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION.

There are two Gujrati Schools in the Taluka viz. The Taluka School at Virpur teaching upto the 7th Standard and the Gujrati School at Kharedi teaching upto the 6th Standard. There is also a Girl's class at Virpur. Total number of boys in the two schools has been 178 as against 215 in the last year. The total cost of education is Rs 723-9-11 for the year under report as against Rs. 702-9-2 in the previous year.

The Schools are under the supervision of the Education Department of the Agency, and the Taluka is doing its best to encourage education especially among females and the poor classes. For this purpose the Taluka has remitted the fees that were taken monthly from the boys in the two schools from the 1st January 1909. This is a real boon to the poor classes and a source of encouragement to the Ryots in the advancement of education.

CHAPTER VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is no printing press in the Taluka nor is there any Library.

There are very few poisonous snakes and wild animals which require special measure to be adopted for their destruction. The Thakore Saheb and the Kumars are very keen sportsmen and do not miss any opportunity of shooting any wild animal found witin the limits of the Taluka.

The cultivators of this Taluka are generally in the habit of storing up the surplus of annual grass fodder in stock for future consumption every year.

Those who run short of it, sow grass fodder such as chhasatia, gadub maize in their Vadis or be partners with those who have sufficient quantity of water in their wells.

As regards Famine Institution the people of this Taluka are not very rich. Most of them live from hand to mouth. Consequently there is no such institution.

The Taluka is not in a position to maintain any Paddook on a large scale but breeding operations on a small scale are carried on in the State stables under the direct supervision of the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Hamirsinhji. The Thakore Saheb is an authority on horse breeding and is one of the best riders in Kathiawar.

Before closing this report it is my humble but pleasant duty to mention that the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Hamirsinhji have always evinced great interest in the management of the Taluka and have constantly wished to put the administration of the Taluka on a sound footing.

In conclusion I once more beg to tender my grateful thanks to the Political Agent, Halar Prant and the Agent to the Governor for their kindly giving sound and valuable advice from time to time and for the great assistance rendered in the administration of the Taluka.

Virpur,
16th May 1918.

RAMSINHJI,
Kamdar,
Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Virpur State showing changes in the personnel during the year 1917-18

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From	To	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Kumar Shri Ramsinhji	Chief Kamdar	9-10-07	31-3-18	
2	Dalichand Fulchand Sanghavi	Nayab Kamdar	17-11-12	,,	
3	Dhirajram Nathubhai Joshi	Sub-Assistant Surgeon	3-6-12	,,	
4	Mulchand Jivan Rajdev	Kharedi Thandar	17-11-12	,,	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18

No.	Description.	Whether adopted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1	Indian Penal Code	I British Indian Acts	...	Since the introduction of Regular Courts into this State these laws are in force
2	Criminal Procedure Code			
3	Civil Procedure Code			
4	Evidence Act			
5	Limitation Act			
6	Contract Act			
7	Stamp Act	II From British Indian Acts	...	These laws have been inforced since such occasions as have met with
8	Registration Act			
9	Court Fee Rules			
10	Process Fee Rules			

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur

APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Virpur State for the year 1917-18.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.							Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments Battalions or Batteries	Number of guns.	Number of men						
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European commissioned officers	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers	Fighting men.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline, and education of the Police Force in the Virpur State for the year 1917-18.

No.	Description of Police.	Number	Pay of Grade.	Total cost	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education		Remarks.
					Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Chief Constables	1	15 & 20	2592	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
2	Police Naik	1	8		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
3	Sepoys	14	6 & 7		...	...	...	..	2	6	...	
4	Mounted Police	4	20-0-0		...	...	...	...	...	0	...	
5	Dromedaries	2	12-0-0		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
		22							3	9		

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Virpur State, during the year 1917–18.

Number.	State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5.)		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Kharedi Virpur State	29	29	25	34	25	34	20	18	5	11	80	52·9	80	52·9	5 remains under trial at the end of the year.

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMJINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and the amount of recoveries in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18.

Name of State.	Amount Stolen.		Amount recovered		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kharedi Virpur State	481—11—4	434—9—6	171—12—7	434—9—6	35·6	100	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18

No.	Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged	No. of persons confined beings insane.	Number of Persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
		Balance from last year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only	Whipping	Totals				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months	„ 6 to 12 months	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
									Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
1	I. P. C. 13-323 1-377 3-380 1-452 9-379 2-352 3-411 1-457 1-325 1-gambling 7-504 1-406 1-420 1-500 45	..	45	45	54	40	55	16	1	...	...	3	11	1	16	34	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI,

Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18.

Number.	Name of Courts of the State.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	No. of criminal cases remaining for trial at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trial in 1917-18					Total.									
		Past year.	Present year		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Original Side Court	37	25	...	17	...	11	...	...	42	28	7	10	6	...	...	5	2	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	21	20	...	11	4	12	...	...	24	27	3	14	10	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	58	45	...	28	4	23	...	...	66	55	10	24	16	...	...	5	2	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi Virpur.

APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Virpur State during the year 1917-18.

Name of State.	Tribunal.	Number of Applications.	*Number of persons and Cases*																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences* Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
			Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Kharedi-Virpur State	Hazur Court	3	...	...	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	....	...	...	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the Civil work–Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of the Virpur State during the year 1917-18.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transactions	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of suits above Rs 500 and under Rs. 1000.	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs 5,000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000.	*Ex parte*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value.	Average duration.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Original Side Court	4	4	2	5	6	9	2	7	4	2	564–14–9	0	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	1378–5–0	y.m.d. 0–4–11	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	0	0	11	16	11	16	11	15	0	1	808–7–10	0	16	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	4	5	6	734–1–4	0–0–27	
		4	4	13	21	17	25	13	22	4	3	1373–6–7	0	21	0	17	4	0	0	0	0	9	5	8	2112–6–4	0–2–19	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur.

APPENDIX XI

Statement showing the Civil work-Results of applications for execution of decrees filed in the Courts of the Virpur State, during the year 1917-18

No.	Tribunal	Opening Balance of applications		Value of applications pending at the close of 1917-18	Applications brought to the Register			Total			Disposed of			Closing balance			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1917-18			Remarks
		Past year	Present year		Past year	Present year	Value	Past year	Present year	Value	Past year	Present year	Value	Past year	Present year	Value	Within 6 months	Within 12 months	Above 1 year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Original Side Court	10	17	10609-2-1	22	14	8985-7-6	32	31	19594-9-7	15	25	17351-14-0	17	6	2242-11-7	4	...	2	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court.	7	16	1839-3-6	39	39	3096-8-4½	46	55	4935-11-10½	30	48	4378-0-4½	16	7	557-11-6	7	...	...	
		17	33	12448-5-7	61	53	12081-15-10½	78	86	24530-5-5½	45	73	21729-14-4½	33	13	2800-7-1	11	...	2	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

RAMJINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work-Number and results of appeals in civil suits in the Virpur State, during the year 1917–18.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases remanded for retrial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
																							y. m. d.	y. m. d.	
Hazur Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 29th April 1918.

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Kamdar, Kharedi Virpur.

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OF THE

KHAREDI VIRPUR STATE

For the year 1918-19.

A short history of the original State of Virpur.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS family of Jadeja Rajputs, which has given rulers to Cutch, Nawanagar, Maliya, Morvi, Rajkot, (Gondal and Kotda Sangani) also established its authority by force of arms over Virpur, Gondal, Kotda-Sangani, and Virpur became the possession of scions of the Nawanagar family whose numerous members had to be provided for by one means or another. The foundation of the House whose direct representative is the present Thakore Saheb of Virpur goes back to the latter half of the sixteenth century. In 1562 A. D. Jam Vibhaji I, succeeded to the Gadi of Nawanagar and when he died seven years later, he left four sons. The eldest Satarsal or Sataji acceded to the throne and the other three received territories in appanage. The second son Bhanji received from Jamnagar State, Kalaval and other eleven villages in appanage in Samvat 1635 [1579 A. D.]. But on account of certain disputes with the Nawanagar State he willing renounced all claims to the Giras and took shelter under the Mahomedan Thandar of Kharedi which was at that time very much frequented and troubled by the hordes of the Kathis. Bhanji assisted the Thandar in repulsing them, and the Thandar in appreciation of the useful and heroic services rendered to him, granted one half of the Kharedi lands. After his death, his son Bharoji gallantly obtained full possession of Kharedi by repelling the Mahomedans and established for himself an independent Taluka of 36 villages by his valour. After

Bharoji's death, came in succession Hardholji Sahebji and Mokoji I to the Gadi. The last being a very brave warrior rendered help to the Jamnagar State, conquered some villages and consolidated a Taluka of 84 villages.

Mokaji I was respectively succeeded by Muluji, Jethiji and Mokoji II alias Bavoji. The latter changed his capital from Kharedi to Virpur. He repaired the old fort of this new capital. Bavoji was succeeded by his eldest Kumar Suroji I in whose time the horrible famine of Samvat 1869 (1813 A. D.) devastated most of the Taluka villages. Several Bhayats holding villages in appanage having received no shelter nor relief from the Virpur State acknowledged Suzerainty of the States of Jamnagar and Gondal and the Agency Thana at the time of Colonel Walker's Settlements or thereabout, mainly because of the minority of the then existing Chief. Thus only 13 villages were left to the Virpur Chiefdom just at the advent of the British Power in the Province of Kathiawar. Suroji the first was respectively succeeded by Muluji II, Sartanji, Suroji, II and Hamirsinhji, the present Thakore Saheb.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL & POLITICAL.

The great war which broke out in August 1914 raged for over 4 years, but at last the enemies have been forced to sue for peace for which all honour is due to the Allies. At present peace negotiations are in progress which, by the Grace of God, will result in favour of the Allies.

This Taluka continued to pay a monthly contribution of Rs. 30 upto November last to the Tailoring Fund, Rajkot Branch, opened by Her Excellency Lady Willingdon.

Virpur is a 4th Class State in the Halar Prant of the Kathiawar Political Agency. It is bounded by the States of Nawanagar, Junagadh, Gondal and the Taluka of Mengni, Dhrafa, Mulila, Jetpur &c.

The area of the State is 66·6 square miles. The population according to the last census is 6780 souls. It consists mostly of Kunbis (agriculturing tribe) Rajputs, Brahmins, Banias, Lohanas, Khants, Sindhis, Khojas, Kolis and other low castes.

The gross revenue of the State based on the average of the past five years is Rs. 55561-4-5.

Tha Taluka pays annually a Peshkashi of Rs. 3418-0-0 to the British Government and a Zortalbi of Rs. 696-0-0 to the Junagadh Sarkar thus making a total of Rs. Rs. 4114-0-0.

The present Thakore Saheb Shri Hamirsinhji who is 43 years of age belongs to the Jadeja Clan of Rajputs and has six Kumars. The Heir Apparant K. S. Dilipsinhji who is 19 years of age, having completed his school course in the Suraji Hostel, is now working in the State. He has been entrusted with a part of Rajya Kharach Department. The other Kumars are Mahipatsinhji, Balbhadrasinhji, Vanrajsinhji, Randhirsinhji and Girirajsinhji aged seventeen, fifteen, thirteen, ten and two years respectively All the younger Kumars except Girirajsinhji are receiving English education in the Suraji Hostel Virpur.

The Heir Apparent K. S. Dilipsinhji has one Kumar K. S. Narendrasinhji one year old

The late Thakore Saheb Shri Suraji II was born on Ashad vad Chowth of Samvat 1902 [1846 A. D.] and was the twelfthin succession from Bhanji the founder of the Dynasty. He succeeded to the Gadi in 1852 A. D. when he was scarcely six years of age. During his long tenure [66 years] of the Chiefship, he endeavoured to his utmost to improve the condition of his ryot. Development of the Vighoti system of collecting revenue, construction of irrigation works, encouragement to present day industrial activities, abolition of export duties and grant of right of sale of landed property of the agriculturing tribe, were some of the chief measures adopted to advance the economic condition of the State. With characteristic sprewdness he grasped the idea that to improve the lot of his subjects, education was of primary importance; and acting upon it he made primary education free in his State and opened the Suraji Hostel, modelled on Rajkumar Colleges, for the education of members of his family under his direct supervision. Besides he opened a free dispensary at the capital of his State. All these measures for the improvement of the condition of his subjects could not fail to tell favourably on the revenue of the State.

During his time, the Virpur family formed marriage alliances with some of the leading States of Gujrat and Kathiawar.

Throughout his rule he was on the best of terms with the British Government; and warrior as he was he once rendered the Government splendid personal help in fighting some very troublesome Miyana outlaws for which he was thanked by the Government, Masaheb Shri Monghiba, Saheb, the mother of the present Thakore Saheb passed away in June. She was a very pious, tactful, kind and noble minded lady and had earned the affection not only of her family circle and relations, but also of the subjects of the State.

The present Thakore Saheb succeeded to the Gadi on the 12th October 1918, the formal investiture ceremoney taking place according to custom immediately on the death of the late Thakore Saheb.

A Durbar to celebrate the succession was to be held soon after the date, but owing to the premature death of K. S. Jalamsinhji the present Thakore Saheb's nephew, the function had to be postponed until 13th February 1919. Among the principal guests who attended the Durbar were H. H. the Maharaja Saheb of Dharampur; K. S. Vijaydevji, the Heir apparent of Dharampur State, the Talukdar of Kotharia, deputations from Bhavnagar, Porbandar, Morvi, Gondal, Palitana and many other States, and relations. Also the Mahajans of Jetpur, Gondal and Dhoraji participated in the festivities of the occasion.

Major Mosse, the Political Agent, Halar Prant, could not attend the Durbar owing to heavy engagements in connection with famine work. He, however, paid a special visit to Virpur on 25th February, to confer the Kharita on the Thakore Saheb and congratulated him on his succession to the Gadi.

The residence of the Chief is at Virpur which is a railway Station on the G. P. S. Ry. As Kharedi was the former capital, the Taluka is called Kharedi-Virpur.

The Kamdar visited all the villages of the Taluka during the year under report to inquire about the condition of the people, to redress their grievances, and to give them all possible assistance as the year is a famine one.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND.

The Taluka consists of 13 villages, of which $4\frac{1}{2}$ are Khalsa and 8 5/6 are Bhayati. These are divided into 2 Mahals viz. Virpur Mahal and Kharedi Mahal. In the four Khalsa villages viz. Virpur, Kagwad, Thorala and Kharedi, the Vighoti system *i. e.* payment in cash is prevalent, while in the $\frac{1}{6}$ share in Hadmadia and 7 5/6 Bhayati villages except Makhakarod, the Bhagbatai system is in force. In a fairly good year, cultivators find no difficulty in paying cash assessment, but in a bad year remissions and suspensions have to be resorted to. In the Bhagbatai system, the cultivators have to pay only a fixed share of whatever produce they have received in addition to Vera.

For the purposes of revenue the year is calculated from the 1st of Kartak Sud to 30th of Asho Vadi. This roughly corresponds with the commencement of November to the close of October. The figures for the year under report, therefore are those for the period commencing with 1st Kartak sud of Samvat 1973 and ending with Asho of the same year.

This year was not a good one as regards revenue collections and unfortunately the coming year will be a famine one.

Culturable land does not appear to remain waste as every attention is paid to the prosperity of the cultivating classes.

No alienation of the State land has been effected.

There is no particular dispute regarding any boundary but occassional disputes re-fixing and erecting of boundary pillars in their proper places are often to be met with.

The system of Takavi advances has for the most part been introduced since the famine year of St. 1956. In the year under report there being no rain in the whole Taluka. the coming year is a famine one and consequently the State had to suffer to arrange for making advances in cash and kind to the people in general and to the agriculturists in particular.

CHAPTER III.

Legislation.—The Courts of this Taluka are generally guided by the spirits of the laws in force in Kathiawar Agency.

Military force—This State does not maintain any military force.

Police—The Police force consists of two Chief Constables, one Jamadar, two Naiks, 14 Foot Police and 6 mounted Police—total 25 men. They are armed with carbine rifles and swords. The total cost of the Police Department during the year under report has been Rs. 3240 against Rs. 2592 of the last year. The increase in the sum is due to the creation of the post of another Chief Constable, one Jamadar and one Naek. The ratio of the Police to the population is ·0036 and to the area ·37 per square mile.

The work of the Police has been good as regards preservation of order and detection of crimes. There has been no dacoity. The percentage of stolen property recovered is 24·2. The full statistics about the cost, the number and working of the Police are given in Appendixes from IV to VII.

Village Police.—There are 27 village Police of which 25 are paid in cash while 2 have got land on service tenure. They protect the villages and the crops and assist the Police in keeping order.

Criminal Justice—There are three Criminal Courts, viz. [1] the court of Kharedi Thandar, exercising powers of a third class Magistrate [situated in Kharedi (2) the Original Side Court situated at Virpur and presided over by the Kamdar, exercising the full Criminal Jurisdiction of the State and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the above mentioned two lower Courts, presided over by the Thakore Saheb. It will appear from Appendix VIII that in the year under report 56 offences involving 64 persons were dealt with by the courts as against 45 offences involving 55 persons of the last year. Out of these 30 persons were discharged 6 acquitted 23 convicted.

There were five criminal appeals in the year under report vide Appendix IX.

Civil Justice—There are three Civil Courts in the Taluka viz. (1) the Court of the Kharedi Thandar at Kharedi empowered to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 250, (2) the original Side Court at Virpur exercising the full Civil Jurisdiction of the Taluka and presided over by the Kamdar and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the lower Courts presided over by the Thakore Saheb.

The number of Courts, both Civil and Criminal has been the same as in the past years.

There was an opening balance of 3 suits in both the Courts, while 12 new suits of total value of Rs. 1732-7-9 were instituted during the year under report as against 21 suits in the last year. The Courts disposed of 15 suits of the value of Rs. 2264-13-0 including the previous year's arrears vide Appeddix X.

Appendix XI shows an opening balance of 13 applications for executions of decrees, of the value of Rs. 2800-7-1. New applications of the total value of Rs. 381-5-8 were filed during the year under report. Out of these 16 applications of the value of Rs. 3184-12-9 have been disposed of, thus having none in balance. It will appear from Appendix XII that 2 appeals were filed during the year under report, out of which one was disposed of and one remains in balance.

Extradition.—One person from the Junagadh State has been extradited to this Talnka but this Taluka has extradited no person to another Taluka.

Prison.—There are two Jails in the Taluka (1) at Virpur and (2) at Kharedi. The guard at these Jails is supplied by the Police. There was no prisoner remaining in Jail at the close of the last year. And 6 prisoners were admitted in the year under report, the number remaining in the Jail at the end of the year being none. The total cost on account of Jail and prisoners has been Rs 76-8-0 as against Rs. 74-9-9 in the last year vide Appendix XIII. The general conduct and health of the prisoners were good. They are employed on outdoor work.

Registration.—19 documents of the value of Rs. 8462-12-6 were presented for registration in the year under report as against 23 of the valne of Rs. 3936-5-9 in the last year. The fees realized were Rs. 28-8-0 as against 35-8-0 in the last year, vide Appendices XIV and XV.

Municipal Administration.—There is no regular Municipality but strict attention is paid to cleanliness and general sanitation of the various villages.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

Whether crops and rainfall:- The average rainfall is considered to be some what between 21 and 25 Inches. During the year under report Virpur received 4·74 inches and consequently the year was a famine year. Only irrigated crops were grown on a small scale Failure of Agtar crops resulted in the scarcity of fodder. Besides the previous years not being good ones, no store of fodder existed to combat the situation; food grains also continued dear. Thus men and domestic animals severely felt the pinch of the famine.

Wages labour and food grains.—Ratio of wages is still high. It is as it was before last famine year. Appendix XVIII will show that the prices of all things stand very high owing to the scarcity of this famine year and the difficulty in procuring food stuff from other countries during the year under report.

Forest.—There is no scope for rearing any forest within the limits of this Taluka but there are a number of babul and other trees and every encouragement is given for the rearing of such trees. There are several hills which are only useful in producing grass. The produce of grass is in an ordinary year, almost sufficient for the requirement of the Taluka. It is only in a very good year that there is any surplus for sale or for

hay stocks. But during the year under report there being no rainfall the grass was not produced at all.

Trade and Manufactures.—The trade consists principally of food grains. The chief articles of export in a good year are cotton, wool, grains, oil seeds and molasses, Coarse country cloth called Khadi is woven by Dheds by means of hand looms. The same is coloured into Cholia by dyers. Both these kinds of cloth are mainly used by cultivators and the labouring classes. Woolen blankets are also manufactured for local consumption. No sort of grain was exported to other country, but grain of every kind was imported to this Taluka. The ginning factory erected in Virpur by Mr. Jivan Vasta of Rajkot and the oil engine ginning factory at Kharedi did not work at all during the year under report, there being no production of cotton.

Public works.—Rs. 1183-15-6 were spent in repairing the building of the Suraji Hostel and the road to the Railway Station.

Custom duties.—The State levies no duty on the commodities exported but it levies one pice per rupee as duty on all goods imported into the State limits with the exception of the most valuable commodities such as gold. silver, musk saffron, Ambar &c. &c. This import duty is farmed out every year by public auction and the highest bidder is given the Ijaras.

Post office.—There are two Post Offices in this Taluka (1) at Virpur and (2) at Kharedi. They are worked by school Masters and are called the Branch Post Offices, receiving Bangis, money orders etc.

Mint.—There is no mint in the Taluka.

General condition of State and people.—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 892-13-6. After meeting all necessary expenses the balance at the end of the year was Rs. 3036-14-7. Further details are given in Chapter V.

The public health of this Taluka was far from satisfactory during the year under report. There was not a single plague case but the fell pandemic influenza raged for some time and was responsible for no less than 492 deaths.

The condition of the people is far from good. The cultivators had lost all power of resisting a draught or scarcity; but the timely assistance rendered by the Taluka from time to time, in the shape of Taccavi advances and suspensions of Vighoti saved them from the difficult situation.

During the year under report a suspension of Vighoti at the rate of six annas in the rupee has been made in Virpur. The agricultural stock has deteriorated a great deal during the year under report.

Despite famine, the labouring class did not suffer much as wages were high.

There has been neither immigration nor emigration worth noting.

There are two shops for the sale of country liquor and two for the sale of opium and Ganja each respectively.

The total excise revenue for the year has been Rs. 1456-14-8 against Rs. 582 in the last year vide Appendix XXI.

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

The gross revenue in the year undr report i. e. Samvat 1974 has been Rs. 66836-14-3 against Rs. 65171-12-10 in the previous year.

CHAPTER VI

VITAL STATISTICS &c.

There is one dispensary at Virpur. It is in the charge of a sub assistant surgeon. It will appear from Appendix XXIII that 11851 out door patients were treated at the dispensary as against 16177 in the last year while the daily average attendance was 32·4 as against 44·3 in the last year. The cost of the department to the Taluka has been Rs. 1233-15-7 as against Rs. 1340-4-4 in the last year.

Vaccination—262 children were vaccinated during the year under report.

Births and Deaths—Appendix XXIV will show that there were 197 births and 571 deaths in the year under report as against those of 320 and 134 in the last year. The ratio of births and deaths per thousand of population has been 29·05 and 84·2 respectively.

The Registers of births and deaths are kept.

Kamboi—(Horn disease). Animals such as bullocks, cows etc. suffering from worms in their horns are treated under the supervision of the Thakore Saheb.

CHAPTER VII

EDUCATION.

There are two Gujrati Schools in the Taluka viz. The Taluka School at Virpur teaching upto the 7th Standard and the Gujrati School at Kharedi teaching upto the 6th Standard. There is also a Girl's class at Virpur. Total number of boys in the two schools has been 176 as against 178 in the last year. The total cost of education is Rs. 813—14—7 for the year under report as against Rs. 723—9—11 in the previovs year.

The Schools are under the supervision of the Education Department of the Agency, and the Taluka is doing its best to encourage education especially among females and the poor classes. For this purpose the Taluka has remitted the fees that were taken monthly from the boys in the two schools from the 1st January 1909. This is a real born to the poor classes and a source of encouragement to the Ryots in the advancement of education.

CHAPTER VI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is no printing press in the Taluka nor is there any Library.

There are very few poisonous snakes and wild animals which require special measure to be adopted for their destruction. The Thakore Saheb and the Kumars are very keen sportsmen, and do not miss any opportunity of shooting any wild animal found within the limits of the Taluka.

The cultivators of this Taluka are generally in the habit of storing up the surplus of annual grass fodder in stock for future consumption every year but owing to successive famine years they have nothing in stock.

Those who run short of it, sow grass fodder such as chhasatia, gadab maize in their Vadis or be partners with those who have sufficient quantity of water in their wells.

As regards Famine Institution the people of this Taiuka are not very rich. Consequently they are not in a position to organize it. Most of them live from hand to mouth. Consequently there is no such institution.

The Taluka is not in a position to maintain any Paddock on a large scale but breeding operations on a small scale are carried on in the State

stables under the direct supervision of the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Dilipsinhji. The Thakore Saheb is fond of horse breeding.

Before closing this report it is my humble but pleasant duty to mention that the Thakore Saheb has always evinced great interest in the management of the Taluka and has constantly wished to put the administration of the Taluka on a sound footing.

In conclusion I once more beg to tender my grateful thanks to the Political Agent, Halar Prant and the Agent to the Governor for their kindly giving sound and valuable advice from time to time and for the great assistance rendered in the administration of the Taluka.

Virpur,
Dated 16th June 1919.

RAMSINHJI.
Kamdar,
Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Virpur State and Residency officials showing changes in the personnel during the year 1918-19.

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From	To	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Kumar Shri Ramsinhji	Chief Kamdar	9-10-07	31-3-19	
2	Dalichand Fulchand Sanghavi	Nayab Kamdar	17-11-12	,,	
3	Dhirajram Nathubhai Joshi	Sub-Assistant Surgeon	3-6-12	,,	
4	Mulchand Jivan Rajdev	Khaiedi Thandar	17-11-12	,,	

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Dated 15th April 1919.

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APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Virpur State, during the year 1918-19.

No.	Description.	Whether adopted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Indian Penal Code	I British Indian Acts	...	Since the introduction of Regular Courts into this State these laws are in force
2	Criminal Procedure Code			
3	Civil Procedure Code			
4	Evidence Act			
5	Limitation Act			
6	Contract Act			
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7	Stamp Act	II From British Indian Acts	..	These laws have been inforced since such occasions as have met with
8	Registration Act			
9	Court fee Rules			
10	Process Fee Rules			

Virpur,

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Virpur State for the year 1918-19.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries	Number of guns	Number of men					
			Died	Invalided	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers	Native Commissioned officers	Non-Commissioned officers	Fighting men		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police Force in the Virpur State for the year 1918-19.

No.	Description of Police	Number	Pay of Grade	Total cost	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
					Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Chief Constables	2	15 & 20	3240	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
2	Jamadar	1	10		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
3	Police Naik	2	8		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
4	Sepoys	14	6 & 7		...	...	2	..	...	2	...	
5	Mounted Police	4	20-0-0		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
6	Dromedaries	2	14-0-0		...	...	...	...	...	1	..	
		25					2			8		

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Virpur State, during the year 1918-19.

Number	Name of State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions [columns 4 and 5].		Percentage of convictions of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Kharedi Virpur State.	29	32	34	34	34	34	18	15	11	19	52·9	44·1	52·9	44·1	

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Kamdar, Kharedi Virpur.

APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and the amount of recoveries in the Virpur State during the year 1918–19.

Name of State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kharedi Virpur State.	434—9—6	710—8—0	434—9—6	172—0—0	100	24·2	

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Virpur State during the year 1918-19.

No.	Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
		Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping	Totals.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	,, 2 to 3 months.	,, 3 to 6 months.	,, 6 to 12 months.	,, 1 to 2 years.	,, 2 to 3 years.	,, 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
									Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
1	I. P. C. 16—323 1—454 5—380 1—448 10—379 1—326 2—411 1—429 9—504 1—456 1—500 2—414 3—324 1—457 1—113 55 1 Jail act 56	2	56	58	40	48	64	28	...	6	...	3	18	1	28	26	...	...	4	1	1	3	...	...	..	.	...	...	...		

Virpur

Dated 15th April 1919.

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Kmadar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Virpur State during the year 1918–19

Number.	Name of Court	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	No. of criminal cases remaining for trial at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year.	*Brought to trial in 1918–19*					*Total*		Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.			
		Past year.	Present year		Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate	Past year.	Present year.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Original Side Court	25	32	5	25	...	9	1	...	28	40	22	1	17	...	...	...	...	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	20	24	...	9	9	6	...	...	27	24	8	5	11	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	45	[illegible]	5	34	9	15	1	...	55	64	30	6	28	...	...	...	...	

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Dated 15th April 1919

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the result of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Virpur State during the year 1918-19.

Name of State	Tribunals.	Number of Applications	Number of persons and cases																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		Sentences						Proceedings quashed.		Referred		Further inquiry &c. ordered		Pending		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Kharedi-Virpur State.	Hazur Court	5	...	..	...	...	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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Dated 15th April 1919

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX X.

Civil work-Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of the Virpur State during the year 1918-19.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Value.	Suits re-landed property	Suits for money transactions.	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs 100.	Number of suits above Rs 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1000.	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000.	Ex-parte,	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value Rs.	Average duration.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Original Side Court	4	2	5	6	9	8	7	8	2	...	1536-13-9	...	5	1	2	3	1	...	...	.	2	3	3	1994-12-6	y.m.d. 0-3-13	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	...	1	16	6	16	7	15	7	1	...	195-10-0	...	5	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	270- 0-6	0-3-2	
		4	3	21	12	25	15	22	15	3	...	1732- 7-9	...	10	½	8	3	1	...	...	...	6	3	6	2264-13-0		

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Dated 15th April 1919.

RAMSINHJI

Kmadar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work–Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Virpur State for the year 1918–19.

No.	Tribunal.	Opening Balance		Value of opening balance for the present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1918–19.			Remarks
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year	Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year	Within 6 months.	Within 12 months.	Above 12 months	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Original Side Court	17	6	2242-11-7	14	...	...	31	6	2242-11-7	25	6	2242-11-7	6	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	16	7	557-11-6	39	3	384-5-8	55	10	942- 1-2	48	10	942- 1-2	7	...	...	...	...	...	
		33	13	2800- 7-1	53	3	384-5-8	86	16	3184-12-9	73	16	3184-12-9	13	...	...	...	...	...	

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Dated 15th April 1919

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Kamdar, Kharedi–Virpur.

APPENDIX XII.

Civil work–Number and results of appeals in Civil suits in the Virpur State during the year 1918–19.

Tribunal.	Opening balance. during the year.		Filed during the year		Total.		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance.		Value of appeals. filed during the year		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases remanded for retrial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Hazur Court	..	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	182-9-6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	y.m.d. ...	y.m.d. 0-0-28	

Virpur,

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Virpur State during the year 1918-19.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Virpur	1	...	6	4	6	·019	·07	...	66-11-9	y. m. d. 0-0-11	
Kharedi	1	~~2~~ 0	...	4	...	·03	...	...	9-12-3	...	
Total...	2	~~2~~ 0	6	8	6	·049	·07	...	76-8-0		

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APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of Registration of Documents in the Virpur State during the year 1918—19.

Name of the registering office of the State.	Documents presented for Registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents Registered		Value of Documents Registered.		Documents of which Registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered, pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages		Sale deeds		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Kharedi-Virpur State	23	19	2	3	21	14	...	...	...	2	...	...	23	19	Rs. As. P. 3936-5-9	Rs. As P. 8462-12-6	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Virpur State during the year 1918—19.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds.	Value of property. Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized. Rs.	As.	P.	Number of deeds.	Value of property. Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized. Rs.	As.	P.	
Mortgages	2	1350	...	...	4	...	...	3	1157	8	...	4	8	...	
Money Bonds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1348	15	7	3	...	...	
Wills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale deeds	21	2586	5	9	31	8	...	14	5956	4	11	21	...	...	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Net profit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	23	3936	5	9	35	8	...	19	8462	12	6	28	8	...	

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Virpur State during the year 1918–19.

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st April 1918	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on last day on the 31st March 1918	Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Virpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	There is no regular Municipality in this State.

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Virpur State, during the year 1918–19.

State.	April 1918		May 1918		June 1918		July 1918		August 1918		September 1918		October 1918		November 1918		December 1918		January 1919		February 1919		March 1919		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Luches.	Cents.	
Virpur.	...	...	...	...	...	..	4	...	..	16	...	58	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	4	74	46	71	22	24	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to the prices of staple food-grains in the Virpur State, during the year 1918-19.

No.	Articles.	During March past year 1918 (per rupee)	During March present year 1919 (per rupee)	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Wheat	13	8	
2	Bajri	13	6¼	
3	Mug	16	5¼	
4	Adad	13	6	
5	Muth	20	11	
6	Juvari	16	8	
7	Rice	7	8	
8	Gram	16	9	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing Expenditure on Public Works, in the Virpur State, during the year 1918-19.

No.	Description of works.	State Funds.									Local Funds.									Total.			Remarks
		Original.			Repairs.			Total			Original.			Repairs.			Total.						
1	2	3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10
1	Building & repair	845	...	...	338	15	6	1183	15	6	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1183	15	6	

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APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing agricultural stock in the Virpur State during the year 1918-19.

No.	District.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts,		Remarks.
			Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and Fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	with 2 bullocks.	with 4 bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying	
					Male.	Female.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Virpur	1918-19	1664	1046	28	597	43	69	35	359	4074	653	...	6	305	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise shops and Excise revenue in the Virpur State, during the year 1918-19.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue.	Number of shops	Revenue.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Virpur	2	240	2	1171-14-8	2	45	...	...	6	1456-14-8	

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Statement showing the receipt and expenditure of the Virpur

RECEIPT.

No. of heads.	No. of demands	Amount Rs.	as.	p.	Total Rs.	as.	p.
A	Land revenue Vighoti, Santi Vero, Vaje &c.	50678	7	5	50678	7	5
B	Excise revenue including Mandvi, Bham, Opium Ganja &c.	6588	3	4	6588	3	4
C	Ubhad Vero, Dhan Vero, Kanyachori and Ghee Dhabla &c.	1217	8	3	1217	8	3
D	Jame and Sudharo from Bhayats	2460	15	1	2460	15	1
E	Judicial receipts	1426	10	3	1426	10	3
F	Duty on cotton	291	10	3	291	10	3
G	Sale of land	2294	7	1	2294	7	1
H	Loans recovered	5690	5	10	5690	5	10
I	Other miscellaneous	1879	0	7	1879	0	7
	Total from A to I	72527	4	1	72527	4	1
	Opening balance..	892	13	6	892	13	6
	Grand total...	73420	1	7	73420	1	7

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State during 1918—19 (Samvat 1974)

DISBURSEMENTS.

No. of heads.	Number of expenditure.	Amount Rs.	as.	p.	Total Rs.	as.	p.
A	State expenditure						
	1 Kamdar and Vakil establishment	3197	14	3			
	2 Revenue establishment	833	8	2			
	3 Abadi	1075	10	1			
	4 Judicial	948	5	9			
	5 Dispensary	1233	15	7			
	6 City Police	677	2	5			
	7 Police	1420	8	11			
	8 Swars	572	2	1			
	9 Education	813	14	7			
	10 Pension	94	7	10			
	11 Jail	139	4	0			
	12 Guests	4004	12	7			
	13 Gifts	1270	6	0			
	14 Contingencies and Stationary	435	9	1			
	15 News and Gazette	114	14	0			
	16 Dharmada (Charity)	524	10	7			
	17 Fala and Tributes	6587	11	1			
	18 Travelling allowances	529	15	3			
	19 Kumar's Education	3295	6	5			
	20 War expenses	790	4	7			
	21 Building and road repair	1183	15	6			
	22 Miscellaneous	2395	3	3			
B	Raja and his family expenses						
	1 Raja and his family	9358	10	3			
	2 Darbari Kothar	3938	0	1			
	3 Cows, Buffaloes, Horses, Oxen, Cowherds and servants	3176	13	3			
	4 Betrothal Marriage, dowery expenses	800	5	5			
	5 Carriage and Sigram repairing	280	3	9			
C	Takavi	688	14	3			
	Total expenditure				50383	3	0
D	Payment of debt				20000	0	0
E	Closing Balance				3036	14	7
	Grand Total...				73420	1	7

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Virpur State, during the year 1918–19.

No.	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure	Daily average.	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Virpur	11851	...	...	...	...	...	1233-15-7	32·4	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital Statistics of the Virpur State, for the year 1918-19.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
										Births.		Deaths.		
		Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kharedi-Virpur State	6780	320	197	...	123	134	571	437	...	47·1	29·05	19·7	84·2	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Statement showing particulars as to the schools maintained by the Virpur State for the year 1918-19

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure			Total	Remarks
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year	High School	Secondary	Primary		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	Virpur Taluka School	117	116	84·2	79·2	...	...	813-14-7	813-14-7	
		Kharedi School	61	60	54·6	59·3	...	...			

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KHAREDI VIRPUR STATE

For the year 1919-20.

A short history of the original State of Virpur.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS family of Jadeja Rajputs, which has given rulers to Cutch, Nawanagar, Maliya, Morvi, Rajkot, (Gondal and Kotda Sangani) also established its authority by force of arms over Virpur. Gondal and Kotda Sangani, and Virpur became the possession of scion of the Nawanagar family whose numerous members had to be provided for by one means or another. The foundation of the House whose direct representative is the present Thakore Saheb of Virpur goes pack to the latter half of the sixteenth century. In 1562 A. D. Jam Vibhaji I succeeded to the Gadi of Nawanagar and when he died seven years later, he left four sons. The eldest Satarsal or Sataji succeeded to the throne and the other three received territories in appanage. The second son Bhanji received from Jamnagar State, Kalawad and other eleven villages in appanage in Samvat 1635 i. e. (1579 A. D.) But on account of certain disputes with the Nawanagar State, he willingly renounced all claims to the Giras and took shelter under the Mahomedan Thandar of Kharedi which was at that time very much frequented and troubled by the hordes of the plundering Kathis. Bhanji was a good warrior. He assisted the Thandar in repulsing them, and the Thandar in appreciation of the useful and heroic services rendered to him, granted one half of the Kharedi lands. After his death

his son Bharoji gallantly obtained full possession of Kharedi by repelling the Mahomedans and established for himself an independent Taluka of 36 villages by his valour. Thus it shows that the rulers of Kharedi are independent founders of the Chiefdom of Kharedi-Virpur and direct decendents from the Nawanagar State.

After Bharoji's death came in succession Hardholji, Sahebji and Mokoji I to the Gadi. The last being a very brave warrior rendered help to the Nawanagar State, conquered some villages and established a Taluka of 84 villages.

Mokoji I was respectively succeeded by Muluje, Jethiji and Mokoji II alias Bavoji who changed his capital from Kharedi to Virpur. He repaired the old fort of this new capital. Bavoji was succeeded by his eldest Kumar Suroji I in whose time the horrible famine of Samvat 1869 (1813 A. D. devastated most of the Taluka villages. Several Bhayats holding villages in appanage having received neither shelter nor relief from the Virpur State acknowledged Suzerainty of the States of Nawanagar and Gondal and the Agency Thana at the time of Colonel Walker's Settlements or thereabout, mainly because of the minority of the then existing Chief. Thus only 13 villages were left to the Virpur Chiefdom just at the advent of the British Power in the Province of Kathiawar. Suroji I was respectively succeeded by Muluji or Sartanji and Suroji II.

Suroji II the late Thakore Saheb, who reigned for a long period of 66 years made many improvements for the good of his family members and for his subject. He was a proficiant physician according to the old Vaidic system a practical veterniary surgeon, a great Shikary and one of the famous Chiefs in the province. Warrior as he was, he had rendered the Government personal help in fighting with some of the troublesome Outlaws in Kathiawar. and for that he was thanked by the Government.

Suroji II was succeeded by Hamirsinhji the present Thakore Saheb.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL AND POLITICAL

Virpur is a fourth Class State in the Halar Prant of the Kathiawar Political Agency. It is bounded by the States of Nawanagar Junagad and Gondal, and by the Talukas of Mengni, Dhrafa, Mulifa, Jetpur etc.

The area of the State is 66·6 square miles. The population according to the last census is 6780 souls. It consists mostly of Kunbies i. e. (agriculturing tribe) Rajputs, Brahmins, Banias, Lohanas, Khants, Scindhis, Khojas, Kolies and other low castes.

The gross revenue of the State based on the average of the past five years is Rs. 57914.

The Taluka pays annually a Peshkashi of Rs 3418-0-0 to the British Government and a Zortalbi of Rs. 696-0-0 to the Junagadh thus making a total contribution of Rs. 4114-0-0. The year 1975 Samvat proving unsuccessful a request to remite the same, was made and its contribution was postponed till its final decision.

The present Thakore Saheb Shri Hamirsinhji who is 44 years of age belongs to the Jadeja Clan of Rajputs and has seven Kumars. The Heir Apparent K. S. Dilipsinhji who is 20 years of age, having completed his course in the Suraji Hostel is now working in the State. He has been entrusted with a part of Rajya Kharuch Department. The other Kumars are Mahipatsinhji, Balbhadrasinhji, Randhirsinhji Girirajsinhji, Samarsinhji, and Narvirsinhji and they are respectively 18 years, 16 years, 11 years, 3 years 7 months and 22 days old. Mahipatsinhji is studing in the Alfred High School Rajkot, Balbhadrasinhji having completed VII standard in the Alfred High School, Rajkot, has passed the Matriculation Examination this year. Randhirsinhji is learning III staudard under a private tutor and the rest three are very young.

K. S. Vanrajsinhji expired in September last at the age of thirteen years, suffering from typhoid fever.

The Heir Apparent K. S. Dilipsinhji has one Kumar K. S. Narendrasinhji who is 2 years old.

The residence of the Chief is at Virpur which is a Railway Station on the G. S. Railway. As Kharedi was the former capital, the Taluka is called Kharedi-Virpur.

The Kamdar visited all the villages of the Taluka during the year under report to inquire about the condition of the people and to give them all possible assistance if needed.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF LAND

The Taluka consists of 13 villages, of which $4\frac{1}{6}$ are Khalsa and $8\frac{5}{6}$ are Bhayati. These are divided into 2 Mahals viz. Virpur Mahal and Kharedi Mahal. In the four Khalsa villages viz. Virpur, Kagvad, Thorala and Kharedi, the Vighoti system i. e. payment in cash is prevalent, while in the $\frac{1}{6}$ share in Hadmatiya and $7\frac{5}{6}$ Bhayati villages except Makhakroad,

the Bhagvati system is in force. In a fairly good year, cultivators find no difficulty in paying cash assessment but in a bad year remission and suspensions have to be resorted to. In the Bhagvati system, the cultivators have to pay only a fixed share of whatever produce they have received, in addition to Vero.

For the purpose of revenue, the year is calculated from 1st of Kartuk Shud to the last of Asho Vid. This roughly corresponds with ihe commencement of November to the close of October. The figures for the year under report therefore are those for the period commencing with 1st Kartak Shud of Samvat 1975 and ending with Asho of the same year.

No alienation of the State land has been effected.

There is no particular dispute regarding any boundary but occassional disputes re-fixing and erecting of boundary pillars in there proper places are often to be met with.

The system of Takavi Advances has for the most part been introduced since the famine of Samvat 1956. The revenue year of Samvat 1975 was a year of famine there being only 4·34 of rain; and consequently the State had to render help to the cultivators in the shape of food grain seeds, Kos and grass. There were only two prosperous year after the famine of Samvat 1972. On the very third year famine visited this Taluka. On account of repeated years of famine, the prosperity of the people in a prosperous year was not to be seen and the State had to experience pecuniary difficulty very much.

CHAPTER III.

Legislation.—The coutrs of this Taluka are generally guided by the spirit of the laws in force in the Kathiawar Agency.

Military Force.—This State does not maintain any military force.

Police.—The Police Force consists of two Chief Constables, one Jamadar 11 Foot Police and 4 Mounted Police total 18 men. They are armed with carbine rifles and swords. The total cost of the Police Department during the year under report has been Rs 2280 against Rs. 3240 of the past year The decrease is partly due to the vacancy of the Naik and partly to those of three sepoys. These vacancies have been filled up this year and another post of a mounted police has been created. The ratio of the Police to the population is ·0026 and to the area ·27 per square mile.

There is no particular increase in the proportion of crime. There has been no dacoity. The percentage of stolen property recovered is ~~67~~ 75. In consequence of the small recovery of the stolen property a strict warning has been given to the Police. Full statistics about the cost, number and working of the Police are given in Appendices from IV to VII.

Village Police.—There are 29 village Police of which 27 are paid in cash while 2 have got land on service tenure. They protect the villages and the crops, and assist the Police in keeping order.

Criminal Justice.—There are three criminal Courts, viz. [1] the Court of Kharedi Thandar, exercising powers of a third class Magistrate, situated in Kharedi (2) The original Side Court situated at Virpur and presided over by the Kamdar, exercising full Criminal Jurisdiction of the State and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the above mentioned two lower Courts, presided over by the Thakore Saheb. It will appear from Appendix VIII in the year under report that 65 offences involving 58 persons were dealt with by the Courts as against 56 offences involving 64 persons of the last year. Out of these 10 persons were discharged, 23 acquitted, 24 convicted and one remains under trial at the end of the year.

No appeal was received, during the year under report.

Civil Instice.--There are three Civil Courts in the Taluka, viz. (1) Court of the Kharedi Thandar at Kharedi empowered to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 250, (2) The Original Side Court at Virpur exercising the full Civil Jurisdiction of the Taluka and presided over by the Kamdar and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the lower Courts presided over by the Thakore Saheb.

These Courts exercise both civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Taluka.

There was no suit in the opening balance in both the courts, but 13 new suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 6679 were instituted during the year under report as against 12 suits in the past year. The courts disposed of 13 suits of the value of 6679 (vide Appendix X).

Appendix XI shows that there was no suit in opening balance. 43 new applications of the aggregate value of Rs. 11118 were filed during the year under report. Out of these 25 applications of the aggregate value of Rs. 2361 have been disposed of and 18 of the aggregate value of Rs. 8757 are in balance.

Appendix XII shows that one appeal was filed during the year under report. This and the one in balance have been disposed of during the year under report.

Extradition.—One man from Gondal State was extradited to this Taluka but this Taluka extradited none to another Taluka.

Prison.—There are two jails in the Taluka one in Virpur and the other in Kharedi. Jail-guards are supplied by the Police. There was no prisoner remaining in Jail at the close of the last year. 6 prisoners were admitted during the year under report, the number remaining in the jail at the end of the year being one. The total cost on account of jail and prisoners has been 83-0-0 as against Rs. 76-0-0 in the last year vide Appendix XIII. The general conduct and health of the prisoners were good. They are employed on out-door work.

Registration.—16 documents of the value of Rs. 4029 were presented for registration during the year under report as against 19 of the value of Rs. 8462-0-0 in the last year. The fees realized were Rs. 24-0-0 as against 28-0-0 in the last year (vide Appendices XIV and XV.]

Municipal Administration.—There is no regular Municipality but strict attention is paid to cleanlination and general sanitation of all the villages of the Taluka.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

Weather, crops and rainfall.—Average rainfall is considered to be somewhat between 21 and 25 inches. During the year under report Virpur received 22·53 inches. There was no hope for the year to turn out prosperous on account of scanty rain at the end of the monsoon. But the rain that fell was timely and the crops realised had prospered beyond the expectation of the farmers.

Wages, labour and food grains.—The rates of wages are very high still. They are growing higher day by day. It will appear from Appendix XVIII that the prices of the principal food-stuff during the year under report stand low in comparison with those of the last year. But they are in no way cheaper than those in ordinary years, and the prices of other things of every day use are very high and the public have to experience difficulty in consequence thereof.

Forest.—There is no scope for rearing any forest within the limits of the Taluka. But there are a number of babul and other trees which are given careful attention. There are a few-hills which produce grass. The

produce of grass in an ordinary year is just adequate to the requirement of the Taluka. It is only in a very good year that a surplus can be sold or collected in hay-stock. But the produce of grass being insufficient the year will pass away with some difficulty.

Trade and Manufactures.—The trade consists principally of food grains. The chief articles of export in a good year are cotton, wool-grains, oil seeds and molasses. Coarse country cloth called Khadi is woven by Dhedhs by means of hand-looms. The same is coloured into Cholia by dyers. The cloth of both these kinds is mainly used by cultivators and the labouring classes. Woolen blankets are also manufactured for local consumption. As this year proved successful there was no need of importing grain. The ginning factory erected in Virpur by Mr. Jivan Vasta of Rajkot and the oil-engine ginning factory at Kharedi did not work satisfactorily owing to unsteady market of cotton.

Public Works.—Rs. 441 were spent in repairing building.

Custom duties.—The State levies no duty on the export, but it levies one pice per rupee as duty on all goods imported into the State limits with the exception of the most valuable commodities such as gold, silver, musk, saffron Ambur &c. The import duty is farmed out every year by public auction and the highest bidder is given the monopoly.

Post Office.—There are two branch post offices in this Taluka—one at Virpur and the other at Kharedi. They are worked by school-masters. It is hoped that a Post Office or a sub post office will be opened in the next year.

Mint.—There is no mint in the Taluka.

General condition of the State and the health of the people.—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 3036. After meeting all necessary expenses the balance at the end of the year under report was Rs. 473. Further details are given in Chapter V.

During the year under report Malaria raged from October 1919 to February 1920. It was more poisonous than it was in other past years. It attacked patients again and again and troubled them very much. It produced much effect upon the strength and digestive power of patients and enfeebled them. Again in March Influenza made its appearance in a mild form. It stayed for about a fortnight but it caused very little damage to life.

The year under report proving successful a little improvement in the pecuniary condition of the public was found, but they had to obtain as help seeds, food-stuff oxen &c. from the State.

There has been neither immigration nor emigration worth noting.

There are two shops for the sale of country liquor and two for the sale of opium and Ganja each respectively.

The total excise revenue for the year has been Rs. 582 as in the past year vide Appendix XXI.

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

The gross revenue in the year under report i. e. Samvat 1975 amounts to Rs. 32079 against Rs. 66836 in the past year.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS &c.

There is one dispensary at Virpur. It is in the charge of a sub-assistant Surgeon. It will appear from Appendix XXIII that the number of out-door patients treated at the Dispensary was 13961 against 11851 of the past year; while the daily average attendance of patients was 38·2 against 32·4 of the past year, The cost of maintaining the department amounted to Rs. 1130 against Rs. 1233 in the past year.

Vaccination.—221 children were vaccinated during the year under report.

Births and deaths.—Appendix XXIV will show that there were 140 births and 219 deaths during the year against 197 births and 571 deaths in the preceeding year. The ratio of births and deaths per thousand of population is 20·6 and 32·3 respectively.

Vital statistics is kept.

Kamboi (Horn disease) Animals such as bullocks and cows suffering from worms in their horns are treated under the supervision of the Thakore Saheb.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION.

The Taluka maintains two Gujarati Schools viz. The Taluka School at Virpur teaching upto the 7th standard and the Gujarati School at

Kharedi teaching upto the 6th standard. A few girls of minor age attend the Taluka school of Virpur. Total number of boys in both the Schools is 214 during the year under report against 176 of the past year and the cost of education is Rs 845 against 813 in the preceding year.

These schools are under the direct control of the Agency Educational Deparment and the Taluka is doing its best to encourage education especily among females and the poor classes. For this purpose the Taluka has remitted tution fees for boys and girls in both the schools from 1st January 1909.

This State had laid the foundation of an Institution named " Suraji Hostel " in order to impart English as well as moral and physical Education to the Kumars of the State under the direct supervision of the late Thakore Saheb. Three Kumars have passed the Matriculation examination. Out of these three, one has passed the Previous Examination of the Bahaudin College, Junagadh. As the Kumars have completed their course in the Hostel, it has been closed for the present.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is no printing press in the Taluka nor is there any library. Some poisonous snakes and wild animals are sometimes found in the Taluka and special measure is adopted for their destruction. The Thakore Saheb and the Kumars are very keen sportsmen and do not miss any opportunity of shooting any wild animal found within the limits of the Taluka.

The cultivators of the Taluka are in the habit of storing up the surplus of grass-fodder in stock for future consumption.

The Taluka does not maintain any paddoc on a large scale, but breedining operations at a small scale are carried on under the direct supervision of the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Dilipsinhji. The Thakore Saheb is fond of horse-breeding.

Before closing this report it is my humble but pleasant duty to mention that the Thakore Saheb has always evinced great interest in the managegent of the Taluka and has constantly expressed his desire to put the State administration on a sound footing.

In conclusion I once more beg to tender my greatful thanks to the Political Agent Halar Prant and the Agent to the Governor for their kindly giving sound and valuable advice from time to time and for the great assistance rendered in the administration of the Taluka.

Virpur
Dated 19th June 1919

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Kamdar
Kharedi-Virpur

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Virpur State, showing changes in the personal during the year 1919-20.

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From.	To.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Kumar Shri Ramsinhji	Chief Kamdar	9-10-07	31-3-20	
2	Dalichand Fulchand Sanghavi	Nayab Kamdar	17-11-12	,,	
3	Dhirajram Nathubhai Joshi	Sub-Assistant Surgeon	3-6-12	,,	
4	Mulchand Jivan Rajdev	Kharedi Thandar	17-11-12	,,	

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

No.	Description.	Whether adopted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks
1	Indian Penal Code	I British Indian Acts.	...	Since the introduction of Regular Courts into this State these laws are in force.
2	Criminal Procedure Code			
3	Civil Prccedure Code			
4	Evidence Act			
5	Limitation Act			
6	Contract Act			
7	Stamp Act	II From British Indian Acts.		These laws have been inforced since such occasions as have met with
8	Registration Act			
9	Court Fee Rules			
10	Process Fee Rules			

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, Cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Virpur State for the year 1919-20.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	*Casualties*			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries	Number of guns	Number of men					
			Died	Invalid	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers	Native Commissioned officers	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline, and education of the Police force in the Virpur State, for the year 1919-20.

No.	Description of Office	Number	Pay of Grade	Total cost	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks
					Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Chief Constables	2	15 & 20							2	...	
2	Jamadar	1	10							1	...	
3	Sepoys	11	6 & 7	2280-0-0	3	1	1	...	...	3	...	
4	Mounted Police	2	20-0-0							1	...	
5	Dromedaries	2	14—0—0							1	...	
		18								8		

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Virpur, State, during the year 1919-20.

Number.	Name of State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Kharedi Virpur State.	32	36	34	28	34	28	15	15	19	12	~~44~~ 44	53·5	~~44~~ 44	53·5	1 Remains under trial at the end of this year.

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Dated 23rd April 1920.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Name of State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kharedi Virpur State.	710—8—0	2035—7—0	172—0—0	158—8—6	24·2	~~8·8~~ 7·5	

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Dated 23rd April 1920.

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Remarks.
								Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.																		
	Balance from last year.	Committed during the present year	Total.					Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous	Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment	Awaiting trial.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
15 Theft 21 Hurt 3 House-breaking 2 Receiving stolen Property 1 Robbery 1 Opium rule 22 Miscellaneous 65 Total	...	65	65	48	...	58	24	~~45~~	4	1	3	16	...	24	33	...	...	4	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

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APPENDIX VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Number.	Name of Courts of the State.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	No. of criminal cases remaining for trial at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year.	*Brought to trial in 1919-20*					*Total.*		Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.			
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Original Side Court.	32	26	...	20	1	3	1	...	40	25	9	5	10	...	...	1	1	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court.	24	39	...	8	14	11	...	...	24	33	1	18	14	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	56	65	...	28	15	14	1	...	64	58	10	23	24	...	...	1	1	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20

Name of State.	Tribunals.	Number of Applications.	*Number of persons and cases.*																	Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences.* Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry &c. ordered		Pending			
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		20
Kharedi Virpur State.	Hazur Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...		

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the Civil work–Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during the year. Received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks
		Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Value.	Suits re-landed property.	Suits for money transactions.	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of suits above Rs 500 and under Rs. 1000	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000	Ex-parte,	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value.	Average duration.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Original Side Court	2	...	6	4	8	4	8	4	...	...	5947-4-6	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	5947-4-6	0 1 26	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	1	...	6	9	7	9	7	9	...	...	732-6-9	...	9	..	6	3	...	...	...	...	4	3	2	732-6-9	0 0 18	
		3	...	12	13	15	13	15	13	...	...	6679-11-3	...	12	1	7	4	...	...	1	...	6	3	4	6679—11-3		

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Dated 23rd April 1920.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work-Results of applications for execution of decrees filed in the Courts of Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

No.	Tribunals.	Opening balance		Value of applications pending at the close of the year. 1919-10	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1919-20.			Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Past year	Present year	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Within 6 months.	Within 12 months.	Above 1 year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Oigirnal Side Court	6	...	...	...	11	8570-13-5	6	11	8570-13-5	6	2	679-12-3	...	9	7891-1-2	8	1	...	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court.	7	...	...	3	32	2547-11-6	10	32	2547-11-11	10	23	1681-3-5	...	9	866—8—1	9	...	...	
		13	...	...	3	43	11118-8-11	16	43	11118—8—6	16	25	2360-15-8	...	18	8757-9-3	17	1	...	

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work—Number and results of appeals in Civil suits in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during the year		Total.		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases remanded for retrial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Hazur Court.	...	1.	2	1.	2	2	1	2	1	...	182-9-6	29--	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.	1	1.	y.m.d. 0-0-28	y.m.d. 0-8-0	

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Station.	No. of Prisons	Number of prisoners.				Daily Average.		Number of Prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Virpur	1	...	4	6	4	·07	·04	1	83—8—2	0—0—7	
Kharedi	1	...	2	...	2	...	·04	...		0—0—3	
Total...	2	...	6	6	6	·07	·08	1			

Virpur,

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of registration of documents in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Name of registering office of the State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented										Documents registered		Value of Documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused		Document remaining unregistered pending at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous										
	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Kharedi—Virpur State.	19	16	3	6	14	10	...	...	2	...	..	...	19	16	8462—12-6	4029—8—0	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds.	Value of Property			Fees realized			Number of deeds.	Value of Property			Fees realized			
		Rs.	As	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.		Rs.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.	
Mortgages	3	1157	8	...	4	8	...	6	2701	0	...	9	...	...	
Money Bonds	2	1348	15	7	3	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	
Wills	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale deeds	14	5953	4	11	21	...	...	10	1328	8	0	15	...	...	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Net profit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	19	8462	12	6	28	8	...	16	4029	8	0	24	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

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Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipality in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March 1919	Remarks.
		Past year	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Virpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	There is no regular Municipality in this State.

Virpur,

Dated 23rd April 1920.

RAMSINHJI

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX XVII.

Statement showing the Rainfall in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

State.	April 1919		May 1919		June 1919		July 1919		August 1919		September 1919		October 1919		November 1919		December 1919		January 1920		February 1920		March 1920		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	
Virpur.	...	...	...	...	...	40	8	30	9	83	3	11	..	.	...	62	...	27	-	...	...		...	...	22	53	4	74	23	9	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains in the Virpur State. during the year 1919-20.

No.	Articles.	Rate per Rupee During March (past year)	Rate per Rupee During March (present year.)	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
		per Rupee	per Rupee	
1	Wheat	8	10	
2	Millet	6¼	13	
3	Green pulse	5¼	5½	
4	Black pulse	6	6½	
5	Muth	11	10	
6	Juvari	8	16	
7	Rice	8	8	
8	Gram	9	10	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing expenditure on Public Works, carried out in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

No.	Description	State Funds.						Total	Remarks.
		Original	Repairs.	Total	Original.	Repairs	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Repair of State buildings, road and caravansary.	... .	441 15 7	441 15 7	... .	... ...	... .	441 15 7	

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APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing Agricultural Stock in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

District.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	with 2 bullocks	with 4 bullocks	Riding	Load carrying	
				Males.	Females.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Virpur.	1919—20	1737	988	25	541	28	82	20	316	4581	697	...	8	379	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the excise shops and excise revenue in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Kharedi-Virpur	2	240—0—0	2	241—0—0	2	101—0—0	0	0—0—0	6	582—0—0	

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APPENDIX

Statement showing the receipt and expenditure of the Virpur

RECEIPT.

No. of heads.	No. of demands	Amount. Rs.	As.	Ps.
A	Land revenue (Vighoti, Santi Vero, Vajo &c.)	17562	0	0
B	Excise revenue including Mandvi, Bham, Opium Ganja &c.	9884	0	0
C	Ubhad Vero, Dhan Vero, Kanyachori Ghee Dhabla &c.	708	0	0
D	Jame and Sudharo from Bhayats.	1758	0	0
E	Judicial receipts	685	0	0
F	Sale of land	899	0	0
G	Other miscellaneous	583	0	0
	Total...	32079	0	0
H	Loan taken from Morvi	40000	0	0
I	Opening balance.	3036	0	0
	Grand Total.....	75115	0	0

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State during 1919—20. [Samvat 1976.]

DISBURSEMENTS.

No. of heads.	No. of expenditure	Amount. Rs.	As.	Ps.
A	Administration	5256	0	0
	1 Political	699	0	0
	2 Abadi	903	0	0
	3 Dispensary	1130	0	0
	4 Police	3713	0	0
	5 Education	845	0	0
	6 Jail	159	0	0
	7 Guests	5000	0	0
	8 Gifts	1351	0	0
	9 Stationary, News & Gazette	291	0	0
	10 Dharmado (Charity]	643	0	0
	11 Fala	809	0	0
	12 Travelling allowances	625	0	0
	13 Kumar's education	4748	0	0
	14 Building and road repair	442	0	0
	15 Revenue survey	965	0	0
	16 Death ceremony of the late Thakore Saheb	1882	0	0
	17 Investiture of the present Thakore Saheb	1164	0	0
B	Raja and his family expenditure	11002	0	0
	1 Darbari Kothar	4513	0	0
	2 Cows, Buffaloes, Horses, Oxen, Cowherds and servants	8781	0	0
	3 Betrothal Marriage and dowery expenses	389	0	0
	4 Carriage and Sigram repairing	425	0	0
	5 Garden	1290	0	0
C	Loan	1008	0	0
D	Takavi	4133	0	0
E	Miscellaneous	176	0	0
	Total...	62342	0	0
F	Payment of death	12300	0	0
G	Closing balance	473	0	0
	Grand Total...	75115	0	0

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

No.	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure	Daily average.	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
1	Virpur.	13961	...	...	...	...	...	1130—10—0	38·2	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital Statistics of the Virpur State, for the year 1919-20.

Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
										Births.		Deaths		
		Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kharedi—Virpur State.	6780	197	140	...	57	571	219	...	352	29·05	20·6	84·2	32·3	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the schools maintained by the Virpur State, during the year 1919-20.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure.			Total	Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.		
2	2	Virpur Taluka School.	116	136	79·2	99·16					
								845—0–1	845—0–1		
		Kharedi school	60	78	59 3	48·3					

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KHAREDI VIRPUR STATE

FOR THE YEAR 1920-21.

A short history of the original State of Virpur.

ILLUSTRIOUS family of Jadeja Rajputs, which has given rulers to Cutch, Nawanagar, Maliya, Morvi, Rajkot, (Gondal and Kotda Sangani) also established its authority by force of arms over Virpur. Gondal and Kotda Sangani, and Virpur became the possession of scion of the Nawanagar family whose numerous members had to be provided for by one means or another. The foundation of the House whose direct representative is the present Thakore Saheb of Virpur goes back to the latter half of the sixteenth century. In 1562 A. D. Jam Vibhaji I succeeded to the Gadi of Nawanagar and when he died seven years later, he left four sons. The eldest Satarsal or Sataji succeeded to the throne and the other three received territories in appanage. The second son Bhanji received from Jamnagar State, Kalawad and other eleven villages in appanage in Samvat 1635 i. e. (1579 A. D.) But on account of certain disputes with the Nawanagar State, he willingly renounced all claims to the Giras and took shelter under the Mahomedan Thandar of Kharedi which was at that time very much frequented and troubled by the hordes of the plundering Kathis. Bhanji was a good warrior. He assisted the Thandar in repulsing them, and the Thandar in appreciation of the useful and heroic services rendered to him, granted one half of the Kharedi lands. After his death his son Bharoji gallantly obtained full possession of Kharedi by repelling the Mahomedans and established for himself an independent Taluka of 36 villages by his valour. Thus it shows that the rulers of

Kharedi are independent founders of the Chiefdom of Kharedi-Virpur and direct descendents from the Nawanagar State.

After Bharoji's death came in succession Hardholji, Sahebji and Mokoji I to the Gadi. The last being a very brave warrior rendered help to the Nawanagar State, conquered some villages and established a Taluka of 84 villages.

Mokoji I was respectively succeded by Muluje, Jethiji and Mokoji II alias Bavoji who changed his capital from Kharedi to Virpur. He repaired the old fort of this new capital. Bavoji was succeeded by his eldest Kumar Suroji I in whose time the horrible famine of Samvat 1869 [1813 A. D.] devastated most of the Taluka villages. Several Bhayats holding villages in appanage having received neither shelter nor relief from the Virpur State acknowledged Suzerainty of the States of Nawanagar and Gondal and the Agency Thana at the time of Colonel Walker's Settlements or thereabout, mainly because of the minority of the then existing Chief. Thus only 13 villages were left to the Virpur Chiefdom just at the advent of the British Power in the Province of Kathiawar. Suroji I was respectively succdeded by Muluji or Sartanji and Suroji II.

Suroji II the late Thakore Sahab, who reigned for a long period of 66 years made many improvements for the good of his family members and for his subject. He was a proficiant physician according to the old Vaidic system, a practical veternary surgeon, a great Shikary and one of the famous Chiefs in the province. Warrior as he was he had rendered the Government personal help in fighting with some of the troublesome. Out laws in Kathiawar. And for that he was thanked by the Government.

Suroji II was succeeded by Hamirsinhji the present Thakore Saheb.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL AND POLITICAL.

Virpur is a fourth Class State in the Halar Prant of the Kathiawar Political Agency. It is bounded by the States of Nawanagar Junagadh and Gondal, and by the Talukas of Mengni, Dhrafa, Mulila, Jetpur etc.

The area of the State is 66·6 sq. miles The population according to the cansus of 1921 is 6661 souls 3258 males and 3403 females against 6780 souls of the last census. The decrease is owing so Influenza and Malarial fever. The population consists mostly of Kunbis [i. e. agriculturing trile] Rajputs, Brahmins Banias, Lohanas, Khants, Sandhis, Khojas, Kolies, and other low castes.

The gross revenue of the State based on the average of the past five years is Rs. 52755.

The Taluka pays annually a Peshkashi of Rs. 3410-0-0 to the British Government and a Zortalbi of Rs. 696-0-0 to the Junagadh thus making a total contribution of Rs. 4114-0-0. The year 1975 Samvat proving unsuccessful a request to remit the same, was made and its contribution was postponed till its final decision. This Peshkashi and Jortalbi, being not remitted, have been paid up during the year under report.

The present Thakore Saheb Shri Hamirsinhji who is 45 years of age belongs to the Jadeja Clan of Rajput and has seven Kumars. The Heir Apparent K. S. Dilipsinhji who is 21 years of age is now working in the State. He has been entrusted with a part of Rajya Kharuch Department. The other Kumars are Mahipatsinhji, Balbhadrasinhji, Randhirsinhji, Girirajsinhji, Samarsinhji and Narvirsinhji and they are respectively 19 years, 17 years, 12 years, 4 years, 1 year and 1 year old. Mahipatsinhji is studying in the Alfred High School Rajkot, Balbhadrasinhji has passed Previous Examination of the Bahauddin College, Junagadh. Randhirsinhji is learning St. IV in the Alfred High School Rajkot and the rest three are very young.

A sorrowful event has taken place in consequence of the sad demise of Shrimant Mohundeoji Saheb, the Maharaja of Dharampur, who was brother-in-law of the Thakore Saheb.

The Heir Apparent K. S. Dilipsinhji has one Kumar K. S. Narendrasinhji who is 3 years old.

The residence of the Chief is at Virpur which is a Railway Station on the G. S. Railway. As Kharedi was the former capital, the Taluka is called Kharedi-Virpur.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF LAND

The Taluka consists of 13 villages, of which $4\frac{1}{6}$ are Khalsa and $8\frac{5}{6}$ are Bhayati .These are divided into 2 Mahals viz. Virpur Mahal and Kharedi Mahal. In the four Khalsa villages viz. Virpur, Kagvad, Thorala and Kharedi, the Vighoti system i. e. payment in cash is prevalent, while in the $\frac{1}{6}$ share in Hadmadiya and $7\frac{5}{6}$ Bhayati villages except Makhakroad, the Bhagvati system is in force. In a fairly good year, cultivators find no difficulty in paying cash assessment but in a bad year remissions and suspen

sions have to be resorted to. In tne Bhagvati system, the cultivators have to pay only a fixed share of whatever produce they have received, in addition to Vero.

For the purpose of revenue, the year is calculated from 1st of Kartuk Shud to the last of Asho Vad. This roughly corresponds with the commecement of November to the close of Oetober. The figures for the year under report therefore are these for the period commencing with 1st Kartak Shud of Samvat 1976 and ending with Asho of the same year.

No alienation of the State land has been effected.

There is no particular dispute regarding any boundary but occassional disputes re-fixing and erecting of boundary pillars in theire proper places are often to be met with.

The system of Takavi Advances has for the most part been introduced since the famine of Samvat 1956. It is not likely to be discontinued as cultivators are stiil under effects of the famine of Samvat 1972 and 1975.

CHAPTER III.

Legislation:—The courts of this Taluka are generally guided by the spirit of the laws in force in the Kathiawar Agency.

Military Force:—This State does not maintain any military force.

Police:—The Police Force consists of two Chief Constables 2 Nayaks one Jamadar 10 Foot Police and 6 Mounted Police total 21 men. They are armed with carbine rifles and swords. The total cost of the Police Department during the year under report has been Rs. 3132 against Rs. 2280 of the past year. The ratio of Pollice to the population is ·0031 and to the area ·3 per square mile.

The percentage of stolen property recovered is 2·8, the rest which has not been recovered belongs to one crime, Full satistics about the cost, number and working of the Police are given in Appendices from IV to VII.

Village Police:—There are 30 village Police of which 28 are paid in cash while 2 have got land on service tenure. They protect the villages and the crops, and assist the Police in keeping order.

Criminal Justice:—There are three criminal Courts, viz. (1) the Court of Kharedi Thandar, exercising powers of a third class Magistrate, situated in Kharedi (2) The Sir Nyayadhish Court, formerly called the Original Side Court situated at Virpur and presided over by the Kamdar,

exercising full Criminal Jurisdiction of the State and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the above mentioned two lower Courtes, presided over by the Thakore Saheb. It will appear from Appendix VIII in the year under report that 31 offences involving 33 persons were dealt with by the Courts as against 65 offences involving 58 persons of the last year. Out of these 7 persons were discharged, 11 acquitted, 12 convicted and 3 remain under trial at the end of the year.

Seven appeals were received on file this year (vide Appendix IX).

Civil Justice:—There aae three Civil Courts in the Taluka, viz. (1) Court of the Kharedi Thandar at Kharedi empowered to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 250, (2) The Sir Nyayadhish Court at Virpur exercising the full Civil Jurisdiction of the Taluka and presided over by the Kamdar and (3) the Hazur Court hearing appeals against the decisions of the lower Courts presided over by the Thakore Saheb.

These Courts exercise both civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Taluka.

There was no suit in the opening balance in both the courts, but 14 new suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 1772 were instituted during the year under report as against 13 suits in the past year. The courts disposed of 22 suits of the value of 1655 (vide Appendix X).

Appendix XI shows an opening balance of 18 suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 8759-9-3. 35 new applications of the aggregate value of Rs. 13472-10-7 were filed during the year under report, thus making a total of 53. Out of these 33 applications of the aggregate value of Rs. 7469-5-9 were disposed of and 20 of the aggregate value of Rs. 1476-14-1 are in balance.

Appendix XII shows that one appeal was filed during the year under report. This have been disposed of during the year under report.

Extradition:—Three men from Gondal State were extradited to this Taluka but this Taluka extradited none to another Taluka.

Prision:—There are two jails in the Taluka one in Virpur and the other in Kharedi. Jail-guards are supplied by the Police. There was no prisoner remaining in jail at the close of the last year. 5 prisoners were admitted during the year under report, the number remaining in jail at the end of the year being none. The total cost on account of jail and prisoners has been Rs. 38 as against Rs. 83 in the last year vide Appendix XIII. The general conduct and health of the prisoners were good. They are employed on out-door work.

Registration:—12 documents of the value of Rs. 2010 were presented for registration during the year under report as against 19 of the value of Rs. 4029 in the last year. The fees realised were Rs. 18 as against Rs. 24 in the last year (vide Appendices XIV and XV.)

Municipal Administration:—There is no regular Municipality but strict attention is paid to cleanliness and general sanitation of all the villages of the Taluka.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

Weather, crops and rainfall—The Monsoon of 1920 began with a terrible Cyclone which blew violently on 11th and 12th & 13th June 1920 in this State as well as in Kathiawar. It caused a damage of the aggregate value of Rs. 21767 to houses, cattle, trees and food-grains Average rainfall is considered to be somewhat between 21 and 25 inches. During the year under report Virpur received 18·33 inches. The produce of Agtar and cotton during the year under report was not sufficient on account of scanty rain during the latter part of the Monsoon. Moreover the price of cotton was low, but the produce of wheat being good, the general condition of the cultivators was fair.

Wages, labour and food grains:—The rates of wages are very high still. They are growing higher day by day. It will appear from Appendix XVIII that the prices of the principal food-stuff during the year under report stand low in comparision with those of the last year. But they are in no way cheaper than those in ordinary years, and the prices of other things of every day use are very high and the public have to experience difficulty in consequence thereof.

Forest:—There is no scope for rearing any forest within the limits of the Taluka. But there are a number of babul and other trees which are given careful attention. There are a few-hills which produce grass. The produce of grass in an ordinary year is just adequate to the requirement of the Taluka. It is only in a very good year that the a surplus can be sold or collected in a hay-stock. This year the surplus of grass has been collected in a hay-stock.

Trade and Manufactures:—The trade consists principally of food grains. The chief articles of export in a good year are cotton, wool grains oil seeds and molases. Coarse country cloth called Khadi is woven by Dhedhs by means of hand-looms The same is coloured into Cholia by dyers. The cloth of both these kinds is mainly used by cultivators

and the labouring classes. Woolen blankets are also manufactured for local consumption. As this year proved successful there was no need of importing grain. The ginning factory erected in Virpur by Mr. Jivan Vasta of Rajkot and the oil-engine ginning factory at Kharedi did not work satisfactorily owing to unsteady market of cotton.

Public works:—Rs. 634 were spent in erecting a new building for the office and Rs. 505 in repairing old buildings.

Custom duties:—The State levies no duty on the export, but it levies one pice per rupee as duty on all goods imported into the State limits with the exception of the most valuable commodities such as gold, silver, musk, saffron Ambur &c. The import duty is farmed out every year by public auction and the highest bidder is given the monopoly.

Post Office:—There was one branch Post Office in Virpur. It has been made Sub-Office from 1st April 1920 and is worked by a Sub-Post Master. The Branch Office at Kharedi is worked by the School Master.

Mint:—There is no mint in the Taluka.

General condition of the State and the health of the people:—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 473. After meeting all necessary expenses the balance at the end of the year under report was Rs. 687. Further details are given in Chapter V.

Cholera made its appearance in July 1920 and ceased in August 1920 Out of 32 persons attacked, 19 fell victim and 13 recovered. Some cases of phneumonia occurred also.

There has been neither immigration nor emigration worth noting.

There are two shops for the sale of country liquor and two for the sale of opium and Ganja each respectively.

The total excise revenue for the year has been Rs. 1000 as against 582 in the past year vide Appendix XXI.

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

The gross revenue in the year under report i. e. Samvat 1976 amounts to Rs. 68710 against Rs. 32079 in the past year.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS &c.

There is one dispensary at Virpur. It is in charge of a su-bassistant Surgeon. It will appear from Appendix XXIII that the number of out-

door patients treated at the Dispensary was 12728 against 13961 of the past year ; while the daily average attendance of patients was 34 9 against 38·2 of the past year, The cost of maintaining the department amounted to Rs. 1551 against Rs. 1130 in the past year.

Vaccination–162 children were vaccinated during the year under report.

Births and deaths.–Appendix XXIV will show that there were 158 births and 185 deaths during the year against 140 births and 185 deaths in the preceeding year. The ratio of births and deaths per thousand of population is 23·4 and 27·3 respectively.

Vital statistics is kept.

Kamboi :-[Horn disease] Animals such as bullocks and cows suffering from worms in their horns are treated under the supervision of the Thakore Saheb.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION.

The Taluka maintains two Gujarati Schools viz. The Taluka School at Virpur teaching upto the 7th standard and the Gujarati School at Kharedi teaching upto the 6th standard. A few girls of minor age attend the Taluka school of Virpur. Total number of boys in both the Schools is 202 during the year under report against 214 of the past year and the cost of education is Rs. 1251 against 845 in the preceding year.

These schools are under the direct control of the Agency Educational Department and the Taluka is doing its best to encourage education especily among females and the poor classes. For this purpose the Taluka has remitted tution fees for boys and girls in both the schools from 1st January 1909.

Out of the Kumars who have studied in the Suraji Hostel, one has appeared at the Intermediate Examination and one has passed the Previous Examination of the Bahauddin College Junagadh.

CHAPTER VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is no printing press in the Taluka nor is there any library.

Some poisonous snakes and wild animals are sometimes found in the Taluka and special measure is adopted for their destruction. The Thakore

Saheb and the Kumars are very keen sportsmen and they do not miss any opportunity of shooting any wild animal found within the limits of the Taluka.

The cultivators of the Taluka are in the habit of storing up the surplus of grass-fodder in stock for future consumption.

The Taluka does not maintain any paddock on a large scale, but breeding operations on a small scale are carried on under the direct supeervision of the Thakore Saheb and K. S. Dilipsinhji. The Thakore Saheb is fond of horse-breeding.

Before closing this report it is my humble but pleasant duty to mention that the Thakore Saheb has always evinced great interest in the management of the Taluka and has constantly expressed his desire to put the State administration on a sound footing.

In conclusion I once more beg to tender my grateful thanks to the Political Agent Halar Prant and the Agent to the Governor for their kindly giving sound and valuable advice from time to time and for the great assistance rendered in the administration of the Taluka.

Virpur
Dated 19th June 1921.

DALICHAND FULCHAND.
for Kamdar Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX I

Names of high officials in the Virpur State showing changes in the personnel during the year 1920-21.

No	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From.	To.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Kumar Shri Ramsinhji	Chief Kamdar	9-10-07	31-3-21	
2	Dalichand Fulchand	Nayab Kamdar	17-11-12	,,	
3	Jivanlal Dulabhji	Sub Assistant Surgeon	1-4-20	,,	
4	Mulchand Jivan	Kharedi Thandar	17-11-12	,,	

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APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

No.	Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Indian Penal Code	1 British Indian Acts	...	Since the introduction of Regular Courts into this State these laws are in force.
2	Criminal Procedure Code			
3	Civil Procedure Code			
4	Evidence Act			
5	Limitation Act			
6	Contract Act	II From British Indian Acts.	...	These laws have been in force since such occasions have met with
7	Stamp Act			
8	Registration Act			
9	Court fee Rules			
10	Process Fee Rules			

Virpur,

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Virpur State, for the year 1920-21

Arms on service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns	Number of men					
			Died	Invalid	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers	Native Commissioned officers	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Virpur,

Dated 9th April 1921.

K. S. Ramsinhji

Kamdar, Kharedi-Virpur.

APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, descipline, and education of the Police Force in theVirpur State, for the year 1920–21.

No.	Description of Office	Number	Pay of Grade	Total cost	Punishments			Rewards.		Education		Remarks
					Dismissed	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally	Punished judicially	By promotion	By money	Number able to read and write	Number under instruction	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Chief Constable	2	25–20	Rs. 3132	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
2	Jamadar	1	10							1	...	
3	Police Naik	2	10							2	...	
4	Sepoys	10	8, 9, 10							5	...	
5	Mounted Police	4	23, 20							1	...	
6	Dromedaries	2	14							0	...	
		21								11		

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Name of State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
Kbaredi Virpur	36	10	28	12	28	12	15	7	12	5	57·1	58 3	57·1	58 3	

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Name of State.	Amount stolen		Amount recovered		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen		Remarks.
	1919-20	1920-21	1919-20	1920-21	1919-20	1920-21	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kharedi Virpur	2085—7—0	140—14—0	158—8—6	3—14—0	7·5	2·8	

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APPENDIX VII

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

No	Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.											Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
		Balance for the past year.	Committed during the present year	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation	Capital punishment		
									Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	4 Theft 8 Hurt 2 Serions hurt																														
1	17 Miscellaneous	...	31	31	45	24	33	12	...	...	...	5	7	...	12	18	...	...	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	3	
	31																														

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APPENDIX VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Number.	Name of Courts	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	Number of criminal cases remaining for trial at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year.	*Brought to trial in 1920-21*					*Total.*		Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.			
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Sir Nyayadhish Court	26	19	1	9	5	7	...	...	25	21	4	4	10	...	...	3	1	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	39	12	...	4	3	5	...	...	33	12	3	7	2	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	65	31	1	13	8	12	...	...	58	33	7	11	12	...	...	3	1	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the result of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21

Name of State	Tribunals.	Number of applications.	*Number of persons and cases.*																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences.* Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending		
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Kharedi Virpur State	Hazur Court	...	9	7	0	0	6	5	3	2	0	0	...	...	....	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the Civil work–Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the courts of the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks
		Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Value. Rs.	Suits re-landed property.	Suits for money transactions.	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1000	Number of suits above Rs 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000	Ex-parte,	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value. Rs.	Average duration.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
																										y. m. d	
1	Sir Nyayadhish Court	...	...	4	7	4	7	4	5	...	2	385—4—7	...	6	1	6	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	268—5—6	0-2-24	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	...	...	9	17	9	17	9	17	...	...	1387—9—2	...	17	...	12	5	...	...	...	...	9	1	7	1387-9-2	0-1-5	
	Total	...	...	13	24	13	24	13	22	...	2	1772-13-9		23	1	18	6	...	...	...	1	9	2	10	1655-14-8		

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APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work-Results of applications for execution of decrees filed in the courts of the Virpur State during the year 1920-21

Number.	Tribunal.	Opening balance		Value of applications pending at the close of the year 1920-21	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1920-21			Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year	Value.	Past year	Present year	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Within 6 months.	Within 12 months.	Above 1 year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Rs. As. Ps.			Rs. As. Ps.													
1	Sir Nyayadhish Court Virpur	9	9	7891—1—2	11	14	11430-8-6	11	23	19321-9-8	2	9	5131-13-10	9	14	14189-11-10	12	...	2	
2	Kharedi Thandar Court	9	9	863—8—1	32	21	2042—2—1	32	30	2908-1-2	32	24	2337-7-11	...	6	571—2—3	5	...	1	
	Total...	18	18	8757—9—3	43	35	13472-10-7	43	53	22230-3-10	34	33	7469—5—9	9	20	14760-14-1	17	...	3	

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APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work–Number and result of appeals in Civil suits in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Tribunals	Opening Balance		Filed during the year		Total.		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year Rs.		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases re-manded for re-trial		Cases com promised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
																							y. m. d	y. m. d	
Hazur Court	1	...	1	1	2	1	2	1	...	...	29-0-0	189-7-3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	0-8-0	0-0-26	

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jail and Lock-ups in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Stations	No. of prisons	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.				
Virpur	1	1	4	4	4	·04	1·3	...	166-13-8	y. m. d. 0-0-9	
Kharedi	1	0	1	2	1	·04	·03	...		0-0-4	
Total...	2	1	5	6	5	·08	1·33	...	166-13-8	0-0-13	

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APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of registration of documents in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Name of registering office of the State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented										Documents registered		Value of Documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused		Documents remaining unregistered pending at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous										
	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Kharedi Virpur State	16	12	6	1	10	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	12	4029—8—0	2010—3—4	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Description	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds.	Value of Property Rs	As.	Ps.	Fees realized Rs.	As.	Ps.	Number of deeds.	Value of Property Rs.			Fees realized Rs.			
Mortgages	6	2701	0	0	9	0	0	1	250	0	0	1	8	0	
Money Bonds															
Wills															
Sale deeds	10	1328	8	0				11	1760	3	4	16	8	0	
Miscellaneous															
Expenditure															
Net profit															
Total..	16	4029	8	0				12	2010	3	4	18	0	0	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipality in the Virpur State for the year 1920–21

Name.	Opening Balance	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance in the 31st March 1920	Remarks.
		Past year	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Virpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	There is no regular Municipality in this State.

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APPENDIX XVII

Statement of rainfall in the Virpur state, during the year 1920-21.

State	April 1920		May 1920		June 192		July 1920		August 1920		September 1920		October 1920		November 1920		December 1920		January 1921		February 1921		March 1921		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of the past 5 years.		Remarks
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents,	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	
Virpur	...	...	...	10	7	84	7	25	1	43	2	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	83	22	53	2>	45	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to price of staple food grains in the Virpur State during the year 1920-1921.

No	Articles.	Rate per Rupee during March 1920.	Rate per Rupee during March 1921.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
		per rupee	per rupee	
1	Wheat	10	14	
2	Millet	13	14	
3	Green Pulse	5½	9	
4	Black Pulse	6½	9	
5	Muth	10	16	
6	Juwari	16	18	
7	Rice	8	8	
8	Gram	10	13	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works, in the Virpur State during the year 1920-21.

Description of work.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Remarks.
	Original	Repairs.	Total	Original.	Repairs.	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Repairs of State Buildings, road and Caravansary	634—14—3	555—5—8	1190-3-11	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing Agricultural stock in the Virpur State during the year 1920-21.

District	Year.	Horses and Cattle										Ploughs		Carts.		Remarks
		Bullocks	Cows	Buffaloes		Horses	Mares	Colts and Fillies	Asses	Sheep and goats		with 2 bullocks	with 4 bullocks	Riding	Load carrying	
				Male	Female											
Virpur	1920-21	1980	1120	23	595	40	78	30	366	5375		745	...	9	398	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the excise shops and excise revenue of the Virpur State, during the year St. 1920-21.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Kharedi-Virpur	2	250-0-0	2	707-0-0	2	43—0—0	...	...	6	1000—0—0	

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APPENDIX

Statement showing the receipt and disbursements of the Virpur

RECEIPT.

No, of heads.	No. of demands.	Amount Rs.	As.	Ps.
A	Land revenue	55148	0	0
B	Excise revenue, including Bham, Mandvi, Opium, Ganja &c.	7269	0	0
C	Ubhad Vero, Kanyachori &c.	1081	0	0
D	Jame and Sudharo from Bhayats	1955	0	0
E	Judicial receipts	1493	0	0
F	Duty on cotton	271	0	0
G	Sale of land	1084	0	0
H	Miscellaneous	409	0	0
	Total from A to H...	68710	0	0
I	Takavi and other dues.	12840	0	0
	Opening balance	473	0	0
	Grand Total.....	82023	0	0

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XXII.

State during 1920-21 (Samvat 1976.)

DISBURSEMENTS.

No. of heads.	No. of expenditure	Amount Rs.	As.	Ps.
A	State expenditure			
	1 Administration	5540	0	0
	2 Political	619	0	0
	3 Abadi	336	0	0
	4 Dispensary	1556	0	0
	5 Police	3179	0	0
	6 Education	1251	0	0
	7 Revenue Survey	1735	0	0
	8 Jail	106	0	0
	9 Guests	2228	0	0
	10 Gifts	1034	0	0
	11 Contingencies and Stationary	1079	0	0
	12 Dharmado (Charity)	260	0	0
	13 Fala and Tributes	8924	0	0
	14 Travelling expenses	801	0	0
	15 Kumars' Education	4682	0	0
	16 Building and Road repair	1255	0	0
B	Raja and his family expenses			
	1 Raja and his family	10298	0	0
	2 Cows, buffaloes, horses, oxen cowherds and servants	5264	0	0
	3 Betrothal, marriage, dowery etc.	8584	0	0
C	Carriage and Shigram repair	225	0	0
D	Miscellaneous	2380	0	0
	Total expenditure...	61336	0	0
E	Payment to debt	20000	0	0
	Closing balance	687	0	0
	Grand Total...	82023	0	0

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APPENDIX XXIII

Statement of Medical relief afforded in the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21

No.	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average.	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
1	Virpur	12728	...	12527	...	...	201	1551-15-2	34·9	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital Statistics of the Virpur State, for the year 1920-21

Name	Population	Births.		Increase	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
										Births		Deaths.		
		1919-20	1920-21			1919-20	1920-21			1919-20	1920-21	1919-20	1920-21	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kharedi Virpur State	6661	140	158	18	...	219	185	...	34	20·6	23·4	32·3	27·3	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Statement showing particulars as to the schools maintained by the Virpur State, during the year 1920-21.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st March.		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure.			Total	Remarks
1919-1920	1920-1921		1919-1920	1920-1921	1919-1920	1920-1921	High Schools.	Secondary.	Primary.		
2	2	Virpur Taluka School	136	130	99·16	104·2	...	...	1251—3—10	1251—3—10	
		Kharedi School	78	72	48·3	51·9	...	...			

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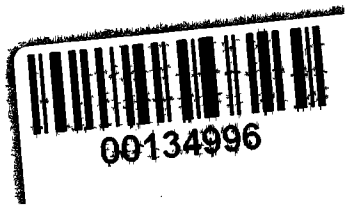
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